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Subject: Military Action in Iraq

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Dear Colleagues:

The onset of military action in Iraq cannot help but cause distress at UCSF. We are a community devoted to understanding the human condition and relieving human suffering. No matter what its origins or justifications, war is the antithesis of our mission. So there will undoubtedly be discourse among us about what is happening in the Middle East. We can serve our mission best if that discourse is civil and responsible.

The war is likely to touch individual members of the UCSF community directly. Some may themselves be called to military service. Others may have loved ones, friends or colleagues who may find themselves in harm's way, as members of the military or as residents in Iraq. We join together in deep concern for their safety. And we join our fellow citizens across the land in the hopes that the loss of innocent lives will be minimized and that the war will end quickly.

We at UCSF are obligated to be concerned about the security of our personnel and facilities. Over the past year, UCSF has taken various measures to improve that security and to prepare ourselves for exceptional demands on our talents and services. Some of these measures may now become more apparent to you, some may prove disconcerting. I ask for your patience as we try to achieve a responsible balance between accessibility and security.

Events will move quickly over the coming weeks. It is unlikely that any of us could fully anticipate what might transpire. You may address questions about how current events might be affecting UCSF and suggestions that you might wish to register to iraqemail@pubaff.ucsf.edu. A campus website has been established at <http://www.terrorisminfo.ucsf.edu/> with information about security measures. A letter received late yesterday to the UC Community from President Atkinson can be found at <http://pub.ucsf.edu/today/cache/news/200303201.html>.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Bishop
Chancellor