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Dear Barry,

This letter is a request for access to LIGO engineering data by the Center for Gravitational Physics and Geometry at Pennsylvania State University . This letter, which will be posted on the Web site of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC), is also meant to inform our LSC colleagues of our intended use of this data. We acknowledge that any publications arising from this data are subject to the LIGO/LSC Publications and Presentations Policy.

We wish to have access to data taken during the engineering run of April 3-4, 2000 with a single-arm 2-km interferometer at the LIGO Hanford Observatory. We intend to use this data to test and refine algorithms for 1) diagnosing non-stationary characteristics of the data and environmental channels; 2) testing algorithms for removing instrument artifacts such as power lines and violin modes. The faculty responsible for the research on the data will be Profs. Lee S. Finn and Gabriela Gonzalez. We will involve several graduate and undergraduate students under our supervision.

We understand that this data will be stored in the LIGO Data Archive at the Caltech Center for Advanced Computing Research (CACR) and request permission to transfer data from CACR to Penn State and to use CACR user accounts for analysis of larger amounts of data. We estimate the use of no more than 100 CACR CPU hours and the transmission of no more than 10 Gigabytes over the network. In addition, we may in the future wish to obtain a copy of the entire 24-hour data set on magnetic tape in AIT-2 format. We request permission to call upon LIGO Lab personnel to assist in writing the tape(s) for shipment to Penn State. We would provide the raw tape(s) for writing such a copy.

Best regards,

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