MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans
    Department Chairs
    Faculty
    Staff

From: Cornelius W. Sullivan

Date: February 9, 2004

Subject: USC Office for the Protection of Research Subjects Established
          Dr. Susan L. Rose, Executive Director

Research using human subjects provides vital medical and scientific benefits to
individuals and society. The need for this research does not, however, outweigh the
need to protect individual rights and interests. At USC, this obligation to research
subjects is undertaken with the goal of making the USC Human Subjects Protection
(USC HSP) program as exemplar- and nationally recognized as USC research. To
achieve this goal, USC has established a new office, the Office for the Protection of
Research Subjects (OPRS) and has hired as Executive Director, Dr. Susan L. Rose,
formerly the Human Subjects Protection Program Manager at the U.S. Department of
Energy. Dr. Rose, a recognized leader in human subjects issues at the national level,
now brings her energy and enthusiasm to USC.

Among the short term goals of Dr. Rose and the OPRS are accreditation by the
Association for the Accreditation of Human Subjects Protection Programs and
assuring excellence for human subjects programs across the university. Longer term
goals include a university wide research ethics program and other educational
programs designed to assure that the USC HSP is compliant with the ever changing
ethical and regulatory requirements.

Dr. Rose and the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects will reside in Stonier
Hall (STO), Room 221, MC: 4019. OPRS can be contacted by phone (213) 821-1154,
fax (213) 740-9299, or email at oprs@usc.edu.

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