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Mr. Trachtman,

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) is conducting the Preliminary Inquiry in accordance with RIC policy. Dr. Harden is an RIC employee and the subject research was conducted at RIC through agreements where RIC was the party. Although we understand you may have directed the inquiry to Northwestern University, as you are aware, NU tendered the inquiry to RIC. However, due to Dr. Harden's joint affiliation with NU and the reference to NU in the publications, RIC is collaborating and communicating closely with NU in the handling of this issue.

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Patti Sheahan

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