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RE: Statement Pursuant to DOL Regulation §2520.104-23

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the statement pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §2520.104-23 with respect to deferred compensation plans (the "Plans") entered into by The Academy of Natural Sciences (EIN: 23-1352000) for certain of its management or highly compensated employees. The Plans will be provided at the request of the Secretary of Labor, as required by section 104(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

We would appreciate your date-stamping and marking "Received" the enclosed copy of this transmittal letter and then returning it to us, for our records, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,



Mark McClain Brown

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 29 C.F.R. §2520.104-23

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §2520.104-23, The Academy of Natural Sciences (the "Academy") hereby files the following statement with respect to the plans which it maintains primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees:

Name and Address of Employer:

The Academy of Natural Sciences
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1195

Employer Identification Number: 23-1352000

Declaration: The Academy has entered into deferred compensation plans for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for one member of a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

Statement:

Number of Plans covered by this Statement: 2
Number of Employees covered by the Plans: 1

Date: 10/02/02

By: 

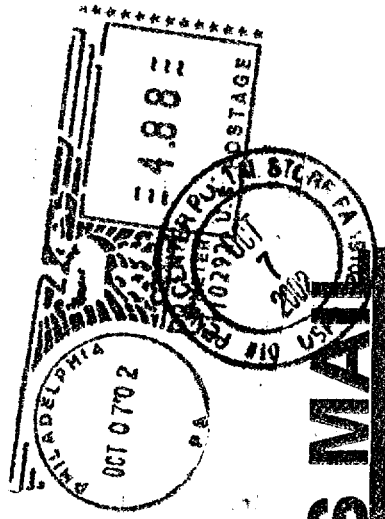
Name (Printed): David Rusenko

Title: Vice President, Finance

- Name of Plans:
1. 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of
The Academy of Natural Sciences
 2. The Academy of Natural Sciences §457(f)
Deferred Compensation Plan

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