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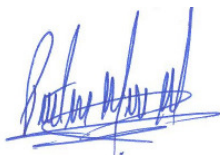
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Dear Chris Martin,

It has been a pleasure to participate in the discussion and planning of the proposal "MRI-R2: Development of the Atacama Sub-millimeter Telescope Robotic Observatory (ASTRO)" to be presented to the National Science Foundation. Here, at Universidad de Chile, we are prepared to contribute in several ways towards the successful execution of the project. First, we are able to design and fabricate some of the critical components of the ASTRO array receiver as we have set up a state-of-the-art (sub-)millimeter laboratory with micromachining capabilities. Secondly, we are prepared to handle and help you on all the legal issues associated with the installation of such a telescope in Chilean territory. Moreover, once the telescope is installed, we will be in the capacity of providing technical assistance when required. This is extremely important for such a small project as it will avoid costly and time consuming travel from your side to the telescope site.

This project is undoubtedly exciting and beneficial for both parties boosting international cooperation. Furthermore, giving, on one hand, the scientific goals of the project and, on the other hand, the cutting edge technology to be developed for ASTRO, I am pleased to collaborate actively in it.

Sincerely,



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