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Dear Dr. Thornton,

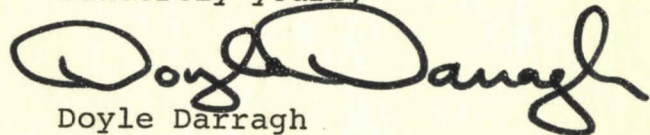
As you probably know, BioTechnology, Inc., has received the contract to edit the SMEAT report. One of our tasks is to reduce the original 1200-page document to some 250-300 pages. This, of course, requires that we eliminate a good deal of material.

We want to make sure that we have not cut out information that you feel is particularly important and we also want the edited version of the report to be free of error or distortion. Consequently, we would like you to review the enclosed draft as soon as possible and communicate to us right away, preferably by telephone, any changes you would like to make. We would like to hear from you by next Tuesday, July 10, if possible.

I am sorry that we did not have an opportunity to meet you and discuss the report while we were in Houston. Ramon McKinney, however, was very helpful in answering our questions and suggesting improvements to the first revised draft. Please give him our regards.

Thank you for sparing us some of your time.

Sincerely yours,



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