Dear Mr. Chow:

I am writing to ask for your help with the 2003 National Survey of College Graduates. This is an important study of our country's highly educated and trained people, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, an agency of the federal government mandated by Congress to study the education of the American people.

The U.S. Census Bureau has chosen you for this survey as part of a scientifically selected sample of individuals with college degrees. Your response is important whether you graduated recently from college or many years ago. We need your response whether or not you work.

By periodically surveying college graduates, we can improve our understanding about the relationship between college training and how people later use their education. Colleges and universities use results from this survey to improve their curricula. Businesses and the government use the results to identify training needs. These educational and training improvements help the United States remain competitive with other countries.

Completing the questionnaire will take you approximately 25 minutes, not responding will seriously reduce the accuracy of the final results.

Please fill out the survey and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. All information you provide is strictly confidential. If you have any questions about the survey, please call my staff between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. EST on our toll-free number at 1-800-523-3205 or send an e-mail to jtcnscg@census.gov.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles Louis Kincannon
Director

Enclosures

PS: See the enclosed brochure for more information about the National Survey of College Graduates.