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Dear Bob:

I am writing to express my great interest in participating in the proposal entitled "Conceptual Design for DUSEL at Kimballton, Virginia" to be submitted to the National Science Foundation by your group at Virginia Tech.

I am very interested in Kimballton as a site for the DUSEL for a number of reasons. I believe it has significant advantages over some of the other sites under consideration because it is sedimentary in nature. For me, it would be ideal site to look for "magnetofossils"; these structures have been found to be very stable and to last for long periods in limestone formations and sediments. In addition, I would also be interested in isolating microorganisms, both mesophiles and thermophiles, possibly responsible for biomineralization processes and/or metal reduction/oxidation at the site.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help in this matter.

Best regards,



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