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Dear Dr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 20, 2018. . As you reference in your letter, your position is based on information that is disputed. Because there is a pending civil action involving the University, I have been advised by University counsel not to comment any further. I will be available to discuss this matter with you once Dr. Turner's lawsuit has ended if Dr. Turner signs a consent permitting such a discussion.

Sincerely,

David A. DeCenzo, Ph.D.  
President

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