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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reiterating the 12-Month Maximum Embargo Period for Manuscripts Submitted to NIH's PubMed Central

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TO: Science and Technology Policy Council Members

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