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Office of the President
December 9, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

THE AMERMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION GIFT AND PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$100,000 and a pledge of \$400,000 from the Amerman Family Foundation of Santa Ysabel, California, to create and endow the Amerman Family Equine Research Endowment in the College of Agriculture's Department of Veterinary Science.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: The Amerman Family Foundation was established by Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman, who own Amerman Racing Stables in California and Peacefield Farm, a rehabilitation facility in Temecula, California, for horses injured at race tracks or show rings. Mrs. Amerman is a member of the UK Gluck Equine Research Foundation board of directors. The \$500,000 commitment from the Amerman Foundation will fund research into equine protozoal myeloencephalitis, an infection of the central nervous system. The foundation's commitment of \$500,000 is eligible for and contingent on matching funds from the state's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____