



May 12, 2003

Donn Silberman
Director
The Optics Institute of Southern California

Subject: ***Newport Corporation Support of the Optics Institute of Southern California***

Dear Donn:

On behalf of Newport Corporation and the optics and photonics business community, thank you for all your efforts in founding the Optics Institute of Southern California (OISC). This letter confirms our support of OISC, and outlines some of the areas in which we believe we can contribute.

For more than 30 years, Newport Corporation has manufactured and supplied components and systems to scientists around the world for their use in conducting optics/photonics based research. During this time period, we have had the opportunity to work with thousands of people who have built rewarding careers around the development of new applications for optics technology. The 1998 report on Optical Science and Engineering by the National Research Council states that "...optics is pervasive in modern life...it's role is that of a technological enabler...". As a member of the optics business community, we have seen this statement implemented again and again, in applications including fiber optic communications, life & health sciences, aerospace & defense, and semiconductor manufacturing.

With these observations as background, Newport has a strong sense that in the long term, the growth of the optics industry and development of potentially life changing new applications using optics, is limited only by the numbers of new, energetic, creative, and talented minds that pursue this technology field. As such, we are in full support of your efforts to establish a non-profit organization focused entirely on exposing young people to the "world of optics & photonics" and encouraging them to become a part of it.

The points below outline some areas in which Newport can assist your efforts:

- Supplying "guest speakers" to visit participating elementary, jr. high or high schools
- Providing facilities for OISC meetings and events
- Conducting facilities tours and on-site "seminars" to give young people 1st hand exposure to the way an optics manufacturing company works
- Participating in an advisory capacity representing the optics business community
- Making application/product demonstrations available for viewing by students (as available)
- Coordinating internship programs for students already pursuing the field of optics/photonics, but interested in learning more about the business and customer aspects (applicable to college students, typically with advanced degrees).

Again, we applaud your efforts, and look forward to supporting you in establishing the OISC as an important member of the optics technical, business, and professional communities in Southern California.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Phillippy", written over a horizontal line.

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