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Dear Professor Esmat:

I am very happy to see that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between The Ohio State University and Cairo University was completed on April 8, 2012. Due to prior commitments I was unable to travel to be Cairo University. However, I have received the details about the signing from Sultana N. Nahar, who represented The Ohio State University on my behalf and handed over the MOA to our Office of International Affairs. We are very pleased that she was awarded the prestigious Shield of Cairo University. My hearty congratulations for the successful effort made by both the universities, particularly by Professor Lotfia El Nadi and Professor Serag Habib. I hope stronger research collaborations, student and faculty exchanges and training programs, and success result from our joint proposals.

I have been told about the interest in collaborative medical research between the two universities. As a medical researcher, you may already be familiar with the state-of-the-art medical research being carried out at Ohio State. I assume that after discussions involving researchers from Ohio State's medical center and medical researchers from your university, it should be rather straight forward to extend the MOA for such collaborations.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Steinmetz".

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