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Subject: Joint lab proposal from Huawei

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Hi, Raechelle.

Having read the recent indictments carefully and chatted about them with folks here and elsewhere, I'm inclined to recommend that we put further discussions on any joint lab with Huawei on hold until a conversation and decision about Huawei at the Dean/VP/P level occur. The Dean and VP on cc are welcome to disagree, of course. :)

These indictments are game changers, in my opinion. They're not convictions, to be sure, but they nevertheless present a credible and problematic narrative of a high-profile company that members of Congress and several agencies already consider a potential national security threat, and that a growing number of universities in the US (and even abroad) are excluding. Huawei is now alleged to have deliberately prioritized and rewarded the theft of proprietary US technology, obstructed justice, and misled the FBI and US banks about commercial dealings with Iran (a sanctioned country and one of four designated state sponsors of terrorism). Putting all the potential regulatory, IP, and security issues of a \$3.3 million joint lab with Huawei aside, it's not hard to imagine how the news of such

an arrangement might go over with the State Legislature, Congress, or sponsors like DoD, NASA, and DoE.

Now, is there any real harm in merely talking to Huawei about a joint lab? Probably not, but I wouldn't want participants (both here and at Huawei/Futurewei) to have high expectations and put undue effort and time into exploring an endeavor that, when all is said and done, might not be tenable. My sense is that it's reasonable for us to just sit tight for a week or three, while our senior management processes recent developments.

Happy to chat further, and of course I won't take it personally if folks feel differently or want to get a second opinion.

Thanks!

-Pat

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*Omit needless words.* -William Strunk, Jr.

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Same.

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On Jan 31, 2019, at 16:00, Pamela Webb <pwebb@> wrote:  
Raechelle, I think that would be wise and helpful.