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Dr. Lee C. Bollinger
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Dear Dr. Bollinger:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Dr. Llyas Washington of your Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute and Dr. Ravi Ramamoorthi of your Department of Computer Science have been selected as Office of Naval Research Young Investigators. This program is designed to attract young scientists and engineers who show exceptional promise for outstanding research and teaching careers. We believe that ONR Young Investigators, including Drs. Washington and Ramamoorthi, are among the best and brightest young academic researchers this country has to offer.

Drs. Washington and Ramamoorthi are two of 33 investigators selected for awards from an outstanding group of 214 applicants who responded with research proposals to the Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Program announcement. They emerged successfully from a very competitive pool because of their academic achievements, their ability to contribute to the strength of the Nation's research and development, and the commitment to them expressed by university administrators.

Again, my congratulations to you and your administration for supporting such promising researchers. I look forward to a productive relationship as Columbia University and the Office of Naval Research pursue research objectives of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

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