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Dear Andy

This letter is to confirm our agreements relative to a collaboration between the Data Systems Division of the Chandra X-ray Center and your VOTC:UK initiative.

As discussed during your visit in Cambridge MA, we would like to collaborate with you on two projects, that we see as mutually advantageous:

1) An early TAP/ADQL service, implemented using your DSA software. Our chief developer in this area, Dr. Panagoula (Yulie) Zografou, will get in touch with Ms. Kona Andrews to discuss details and see how this project can be accomplished, and in particular evaluate how the CXC interface to the Chandra Source Catalog can be enhanced.

2) We will consider a joint development of a Query Builder for VO applications. Assuming a positive outcome of an initial study, we will have to decide how to make this project part of our workload, and agree on contributions and schedules.

Let's discuss these projects at the IVOA meeting in Strasbourg, Yulie will attend this meeting together with Arnold Rots and myself. We are looking forward to meet Kona Andrews and Keith Noddle. Ian Evans is not planning to attend the Strasbourg meeting, but will be involved in future activities.

Sincerely,

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