Disasterous meeting with Alberto

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(and arguably, "tacit approval") of their federal employer, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

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## Don,

I met with Alberto this morning to discuss the upcoming project move and to get answers to my questions. It was disasterous. He implied that the reason he hadn't approved my training was my fault. I started out the meeting by letting him know that there were no issues in Kodiak we couldn't work out, but by the end, after his attempts to humiliate me, I realized that nothing is ever going to change with HIS attitude (even though you all seem convinced that it's always the womens' fault).

Back to Plan A: Please separate us immediately. I should not be forced to endure a hostile work environment just so the ARS can pretend it supports U.S. Civil Rights laws.

I would have liked to discuss this with you by phone, but I'll probably be away from my desk trying to handle all these new (lab, equipment, space, and technician) crises that he managed to create for me in the last hour.

Sorry for the bad news,

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