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Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

Your doctoral thesis proposal, dated October 2003, and entitled "Usable Security: Design Principles for Creating Systems that are Simultaneously Usable and Secure" has been approved by the Department Committee on Graduate Students. We understand that the thesis is to be supervised by Dr. D. D. Clark and Prof. R. C. Miller and that you expect to complete the thesis by September 2004. The readers of the thesis are to be Professor R. Rivest and Dr. D. Weitzner. If it becomes necessary to make major changes in the subject or scope of the thesis or if a change in supervisor or readers is required, please keep the Graduate Office informed.

Yours truly,

Arthur C. Smith, Chair
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