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Dear Dr. Geselowitz,

HRL is pleased to grant permission to install a plaque commemorating the first working laser with the citation:

On this site in May 1960 Theodore Maiman built and operated the first laser. A number of teams around the world were trying to construct this theoretically anticipated device from different materials. Maiman's was based on a ruby rod optically pumped by a flash lamp. The laser was a transformative technology in the 20th century and continues to enjoy wide application in many fields of human endeavor.

We propose that the plaque be located in HRL's Main Lobby that also has the replica of the first working laser and a letter from President Obama commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the laser in 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jeffrey".

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