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Comments on Final Report on Technology Management within DHEW

On reviewing the referenced report, I find that it is basically the same report with some modifications in the language. The bulk of the NIH comments generally appear to have been ignored and are therefore still relevant. One area of the report upon which we did not comment previously is the implication on Page 49, Paragraph B that the agencies do not use R&D resource allocation as a means for affecting technology development. It should be made clear to the Department that this is one of the major mechanisms we utilize at NIH for directing our program activities.

The report still appears to be an attempt to establish a bureaucracy within a bureaucracy with a resultant increase in paper flow and decrease in productivity. If such an office is established at the Department level, the NIH stance should continue to be that its role should be limited to coordination of Agency activities when there is such a need.

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