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Dear Mr. Bremer:

This is to acknowledge your letter concerning section 3031 of H.R. 4428.

The text you have is an early version of the section. The provision was amended during House consideration. I am enclosing a copy of the provision as it was passed by the House along with a statement submitted by Congressman Fuqua, the author of the amended version.

It is the committee view that the unique nature of research and production activities of the nuclear weapons program and the naval reactors program, which include a limited number of contractors, requires that special consideration be given to inventions and discoveries that arise during those contracts. Section 3031 was drafted to address the unique nature of these programs.

Sincerely.

Chairman

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