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MEMORANDUM FOR J. MICHAEL FARRELL, DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL WORKING
GROUP ON PATENT POLICY

SUBJECT: Government Patent Policy

Subsequent to the 1 November meeting of the Working Group on Patent Policy, we have reviewed government patent policy relative to DoD.

At this juncture, we in DoD see no reason to change the current patent policy. The present policy is generally in accord with our views and we are aware of nothing pertinent to SDI that requires changes in that policy. We are following this closely to see if problems develop and to address concerns that arise. Similarly, with regard to classification, we feel that the present policy provides for the protection of classified materials and our national security interests.

Given our dialogue to date, it appears to us that the Working Group is addressing an undefined question. We recommend that, before the group proceeds further, specific perceived problems be clearly stated such that further efforts of the Working Group can be focussed toward logical conclusions and actions.

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