

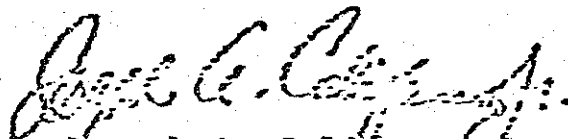
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MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of POC's
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SUBJECT : Patent Policy and Procedures

As you may be aware, the patent policies of Federal agencies are coming under close scrutiny. I am concerned about these developments as they relate to Departmental policies. Accordingly, because of the cross-cutting and legal implications of policies and procedures involving the granting of patents by the Department, I have asked the General Counsel to conduct a review of the Department's present patent policy, including the policies and practices relating to the granting of patents, the reservation of rights with respect to patents, financial support of the development of patentable products and processes, and the granting of licenses and exclusive licenses.

I have asked the General Counsel to submit his report to me by February 15, 1978.


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