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TO: DAB

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 01/21/92

SUBJECT: PROVIDE OSTP COMMENTS ON COMPUTER AGREEMENT FACT
SHEET

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: ASSIGNED: Dr. Wong

ACTION STAFF
REQUIRED: ACTION: C

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SUBJECT: COMPUTER AGREEMENT FACT SHEET

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BRADY	☐	☒	ROGICH	☐	☐
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HOLIDAY	☐	☒		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please provide any comments directly to Ede Holiday no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 01/22, with a copy to this office.
Thanks.

RESPONSE:

OSTP has no comment.

Eugene Wong for D. Allan Bromley

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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FROM: PORTER, Roger B.: ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AND
DOMESTIC POLICY

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 01/02/92

SUBJECT: RE: PRINCIPLES OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF
BIOTECHNOLOGY.

DIRECTORATE STAFF
ASSIGNED: D.A. Henderson ASSIGNED: Rachel E. Levinson

ACTION STAFF
REQUIRED: FOR DAB'S SIGNATURE ACTION: FOR DAB'S SIGNATURE

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 6, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. PORTER

FROM:

D. ALLAN BROMLEY

Alan

SUBJECT:

PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF
BIOTECHNOLOGY

Per your referral, the attached response was sent to Robert L. Thompson, Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University. Dr. Thompson and I are in agreement over the need for an end to the regulatory uncertainty regarding biotechnology. I will do everything possible to ensure that our efforts to achieve that goal are fruitful.

Attachment

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 6, 1992

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Roger Porter has forwarded your December 11, 1991, letter for my response. I am pleased to address the serious issue that you raised regarding biotechnology regulation.

I concur with your view that we need to resolve the regulatory uncertainty that continues to hamper biotechnology product development. In his State of the Union message, the President announced a 90-day moratorium on new regulation. As part of this activity, the White House is conducting a review of biotechnology regulations, with the intent of coming to closure on the scope of regulation. For the reasons that you identified in your letter, I consider this a high priority and my office is taking an active role in these deliberations.

Regulatory barriers, real and perceived, have a major negative impact on public access to the important benefits of biotechnology. Eliminating these barriers will encourage private investment in biotechnology research and willingness to conduct such research. I must emphasize, however, that the Federal government is not abdicating its role of protecting the public and the environment from untoward effects. Instead, we must strive for a scientifically sound regulatory system applied to all new products.

Your interest and comments are appreciated.

Sincerely,


D. Allan Bromley
Director

Dr. Robert L. Thompson
Dean of Agriculture
Purdue University
Agricultural Administration Building
West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR D. ALLAN BROMLEY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Principles of Federal Oversight of Biotechnology

Enclosed is a letter I received from Robert L. Thompson, Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University.

Dean Thompson urges your office to release in final form the "Principles for Federal Oversight of Biotechnology" published for public comment in July 1990. He believes that clarification of the scope of Federal biotechnology regulation will accelerate biotechnology research and promote development of commercial products.

I would be most appreciative if you would respond to his concerns. A copy of my initial response to Dean Thompson is also enclosed.

Enclosures

Bob is a good friend and a very sensible fellow across a wide array of issues. He has a good point.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY



ROBERT L. THOMPSON
DEAN OF AGRICULTURE

December 11, 1991

Roger B. Porter
Assistant to the President for
Economic & Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20400

Dear Roger,

At a recent meeting of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, it was brought to my attention that the Federal government still does not have a clear definition of what is to be regulated as biotechnology. I understand the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) published for public comment "Principles for Federal Oversight of Biotechnology: Planned Introduction into the Environment of Organisms with Modified Hereditary Traits" in the Federal Register July 31, 1990 (55 FR 3118). This document would set out the scope of regulation for biotechnology, and I understand that it was generally well received by those who responded to the publication.

I would like to express my support for the development of a clear delineation of the scope of regulation of biotechnology. I believe that clearly expressed and well understood areas of biotechnology regulation will actually accelerate the process of biotechnology research, and thus promote the development of resulting commercial products. I believe that the present situation of confusion contributes to public misperceptions and uneasiness regarding federal regulation of biotechnology research. Without a clear statement of "scope" and examples of exceptions, the research process can be delayed as each situation must await review on a case by case basis. This situation will contribute to further, unnecessary delays in realizing the benefits of biotechnology.

I see a clear need to finalize the OSTP document. This would help complete the process of describing a consistent government-wide approach to the regulation of biotechnology. Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT L. THOMPSON
Dean of Agriculture



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 2, 1992

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter urging that the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) release in final form its principles concerning the scope of Federal regulation of biotechnology.

I have forwarded your letter to Dr. D. Allan Bromley, Director of OSTP, so that he is aware of your concerns.

I appreciate having your views on this important topic. Best wishes in all your many activities at Purdue.

Warmest regards,



Roger B. Porter
Assistant to the President
for Economic and Domestic Policy

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cc: D. Allan Bromley, Director
Office of Science and Technology
Policy