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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR CARLA HILLS

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY *Alan*
SUBJECT: U.S.-INDIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

We have spoken on several occasions about my interest, and those of the Department of State and technical departments and agencies in the U.S. government, in finding ways to maintain and expand our science and technology (S&T) relationship with India. I recognize that you have been in the midst of very difficult trade discussions on intellectual property rights and, therefore, have not pressed the issue. I am concerned now, however, that we must take steps to get the science and technology relationship between the United States and India back on track. The best way to do so is to forward to the Government of India a proposal for an umbrella S&T Agreement, as well as to continue to approve on a case-by-case basis individual agency proposals for expanded cooperation.

The United States has a long history of very active cooperation with India. India's basic and applied research capability is one of the best in the developing world. Our technical agencies rely on cooperation with India in such important areas as global change observations and data collection, oceans research, and research into infectious diseases. These are cooperative activities that, due to India's strategic geographical location, can not be duplicated elsewhere. Continuation of these and other activities are in the interest of the United States, not only from an S&T perspective, but also a foreign policy perspective.

The intellectual property rights provisions of the proposed, umbrella S&T agreement are fully consistent with our overall policy toward India. Cooperation will be prohibited in any area in which Indian law does not provide adequate and effective protection. Such a statement in the S&T agreement provides another opportunity for you to point out to the Indians how the lack of adequate patent protection is detrimental to their national interests.

Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew, on March 16, chaired a meeting of the FCCSET Committee on International Science, Engineering and Technology at which the issue of tabling the S&T Agreement was discussed. With the exception of USTR, all departments have agreed on the need to proceed with the negotiations. Your representative at yesterday's meeting indicated that you still have reservations.

I would like to have an opportunity to discuss this with you. I am concerned that without agreement to move forward with our proposed S&T agreement, valuable cooperative opportunities will be lost, or cooperation may continue without adequate intellectual property rights protection. Neither of these courses of action are desirable. I will call you within the next few days to schedule a mutually convenient time for us to meet.