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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1990

Dear Mr. Pandolfi:

I have the pleasure to refer to the Statement of Intention for a Joint Consultative Group on Science and Technology between the Government of the United States of America and the Commission of the European Communities.

I propose that the Joint Consultative Group, as described in the enclosed statement, be constituted by this letter and your confirming response. The first Chairperson of the Joint Consultative Group, as well as the date and location for its first meeting, will be determined later.

I feel this Joint Consultative Group will be an important factor for enhancing U.S.-E.C. coordinated dialogue. I look forward to our continued collaboration on this important project and convening the first meeting of the Joint Consultative Group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley", written in a cursive style.

D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

Enclosure

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*Vice-President
of the Commission of the European Communities*

Brussels

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Dear Dr. Bromley,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 October, 1990 concerning the Statement of Intention for the establishment of a Joint Consultative Group on Science and Technology between the Government of the United States of America and the Commission of the European Communities.

I confirm herewith that the Joint Consultative Group, as described in the statement enclosed both in your letter and in the present response, is constituted by this exchange of letters. As you suggest, the Chair person for the Group will be determined later and a date and place for the first meeting will be agreed.

I agree with you that this Joint Consultative Group has an important role to play in the enhancement of a coordinated dialogue in Science and Technology between the Government of the United States and the Commission of the European Communities. I am certain that both will benefit from a pursuit of this collaboration.

I look forward to convening the first meeting of the Joint Consultative Group.

Sincerely,

FM. Pandolfi

Enclosure

*Dr. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
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STATEMENT OF INTENTION

The Government of the United States, through the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology (FCCSET), and the Commission of the European Communities, herein referred to as the sides, have reached the following understanding: to establish a Joint Consultative Group on Science and Technology (hereafter referred to as the Joint Consultative Group). This Statement of Intention is not intended to create obligations binding under international law.

Purpose

The purpose of the Joint Consultative Group is to increase mutual understanding of U.S. and E.C. activities and programs related to science and technology. The Joint Consultative Group will allow consultations on science and technology issues; enhance the exchange of information; and facilitate cooperation in all aspects of science and technology.

Structure

The U.S. component of the Joint Consultative Group will be chaired by the FCCSET chairperson. The E.C. side will be chaired by the member of the Commission responsible for science and technology.

The office of the Chairperson of the Joint Consultative Group shall alternate annually between the U.S. and E.C. sides.

The sides may agree to establish task forces, subcommittees, and working groups as appropriate.

Responsibilities of the Chairpersons

The Chairpersons may:

- o call meetings annually, or as agreed upon, of the Joint Consultative Group;
- o approve the establishment, continuation or termination of task forces, subcommittees, and working groups as necessary; and
- o prepare a report at the conclusion of each meeting of the Joint Consultative Group.

Funding

The parties shall each bear the costs of their representatives' participation in all meetings and activities of the Joint Consultative Group.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1990

Re: Statement of Intention Between the
United States of America and the
Commission of the European
Communities Regarding the Formation
of a U.S.-E.C. Joint Consultative Group
on Science and Technology

Dear Mr. Pandolfi:

During our discussion of the above-reference draft Statement of Intention, we agreed to set forth in letters, our understanding of that group. This letter sets forth our understanding.

The Joint Consultative Group will serve as a basis for discussion on science and technology issues, enhance the exchange of information, and facilitate cooperation, with the goal of increasing mutual understanding of U.S. and E.C. activities in programs related to science and technology. The group will not have access to business-confidential information, nor will it engage in any activities which generate intellectual property.

Sincerely,

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PROPOSED AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks**
 - Mr. Pandolfi**
 - Dr. Bromiey**
- II. Role and Context of Science and Technology in the E.C. and U.S.**
 - A. Goals and Objectives**
 - B. Administrative/Legal Authority**
- III. Reports of Existing Activities**
 - A. Task Force on Biotechnology**
 - B. Information Technologies**
- IV. Initial Discussion of New Topics**
 - A. Energy and Environment**
 - B. Research and Development in Central Europe**
 - C. Manpower and Human Resources**
 - D. Basic Science Megaprojects**
- V. Summary**
 - A. Direction to existing and new task forces**
 - B. Schedule for next meeting**
- VI. Conclusion**