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October 7, 1993

Lionel S. Johns
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Dear Mr. Johns:

On September 24, Cynthia Arnold McKenna spoke to the Federation of Materials Societies Trustees at our quarterly meeting. She discussed issues around the changing direction of Federal materials R&D programs. We enjoyed her talk very much and were most impressed with her (see attached letter). We also appreciated the chance to hear OSTP's message and to understand your plans while they are in the formative stage.

The Federation of Materials Societies is comprised of fourteen professional societies whose membership exceeds 750,000. We are extremely interested in the changing course of materials policy under the Clinton administration. Our membership values OSTP's plan to focus materials programs on areas of key national need such as the clean car, aeronautics, and the civil infrastructure. We also applaud the effort to better integrate the materials and manufacturing initiatives, especially in emphasizing the process technologies whereby most advanced materials acquire their unique properties.

We do have two concerns. Eliminating the Advanced Materials Processing Program (AMPP) could act to reduce the priority of materials programs in the Federal R&D agenda. We understand that there will be an interagency coordination in specific materials areas such as composites along the lines of COMAT, and we would like to learn more about how these might function. We are also concerned about just how industry input might be obtained and used for materials program direction. FMS has considered the lack of a good mechanism for industrial interaction with FCCSET subcommittees to be an issue for some time.

We recognize that as you refine the strategic plan for technology initiatives, and especially the manufacturing and materials initiative, you will be dealing with these same issues and historical deficiencies. FMS is preparing a letter to Dr. Gibbons about our concerns and will send it in a few days.

Again, we really appreciate your helping us understand OSTP plans while they are in a formative stage. Cynthia's talk was most helpful and we look forward to a continued dialog with OSTP about materials programs and policies.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 1993

**Cynthia Arnold McKenna
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Dear Cynthia:

Thank you very much for speaking at our luncheon last Friday. Your talk was both informative and well-presented. The audience was also impressed with your responsiveness, as evidenced by the number and variety of their questions. It was especially nice of you to stay and talk to all who wanted to bring up other questions after the meeting closed.

Steve Borleske's prior discussions with you enabled him to brief the Trustees on the background of your organization and activities before your talk. This really helped people to relate to the material and was so effective that we plan to make it a regular feature of future meetings.

Your background is most impressive, as we discussed during the luncheon. The quality of your presentation is further evidence that you have a great career before you. Best wishes in whatever you elect to do after your Sloan Fellowship is finished.

Sincerely,

**C. T. Sciance
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