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Dear Dr. Fields:

Next spring we are planning a one-day briefing session for managers throughout CIA on the future of the Information Industry in the 1992-1994 era. We have reserved our auditorium for Tuesday 24 March 1987. I would like to invite you to be one of our speakers.

Our other speakers will be senior people drawn from some of our major vendors and from leaders in the advisory community. Given our information symbiosis with the DoD, we would also like to have an appreciation of the technology and systems that will be emerging in that environment. As a senior manager of this DARPA thrust, I believe you are in a unique position to apprise us of the DoD information technology future.

There is a factor that to some degree both constrains and motivates our interests in this session. In spite of the ever-increasing diversity of technological offerings, we have to recognize that we are addressing a "production" environment in terms of the integrated services we provide to our customers. To be affordable and maintainable, our perspective is that we must develop a "standardized" architecture, exploiting commercial technology to the maximum practicable extent, but limiting its diversity. So, there is an interest in the futures assessment in the developments that can be expected to provide an integrated environment, as well as the new facilities the customer might be offered. And the dimension of integrability is important in assessing the utility of potential facilities.

I am aware that DoD has been specifically addressing its strategy with respect to such issues. Your insights with respect to the developmental strategy of DoD, priorities, commercial dependency, and what you expect to see in terms of networking and DoD contributions to facilities would be of great value to us.

With regard to arrangements, we will pay expenses. We plan to have a speakers' lunch the day of the event and a reception after the briefing, attended by senior Agency managers. We would like you to join us for the reception as well as the lunch; we anticipate it being a time for useful exchange of perspectives among senior decision makers.

I hope that you will be able to participate and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please call me at [redacted]

Sincerely,

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