

**APPENDIX 3. LETTER FROM SENATOR JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN TO NCLIS  
CHAIRPERSON MARTHA B. GOULD, JULY 17, 2000**

United States Senate  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
Washington, DC 20510-6250

July 17, 2000

The Honorable Martha Gould  
Chairperson  
United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science  
1110 Vermont Avenue, NW  
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Washington, DC 20005-3552

Dear Chairperson Gould: <sup>286</sup>

I am writing to join in Senator McCain's June 12 request for a review of reforms to improve the federal government's information dissemination practices. The results of that study will prove invaluable to my work as Ranking Democrat of the Governmental Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most of our federal government's information dissemination practices. The study will also help inform my efforts to promote e-government, which includes making federal information more available over the Internet.

I would suggest two additions to the Commission's study. Senator McCain's letter of June 12 asked that the Commission include assessments of the need for proposing new or revised laws or regulations. I would ask that the Commission include in that review any relevant sections of the Paperwork Reduction Act that may need revision, because the Committee will be considering the law's reauthorization next Congress. Second, when the Commission considers the future of the National Technical Information Service, I would ask that it consider the viability of maintaining NTIS as a centralized fully electronic repository of federal scientific and technical information, accessible via the Internet and equipped with search and retrieval capabilities.

Please contact Kevin Landy of my staff at (202) 224-7194 with questions about this request.

Sincerely,

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Joseph I. Lieberman

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<sup>286</sup> Available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/liebermn.html> and <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.appen3.pdf>.