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Dear Mr. Roback:

This letter is to inform NIST of IBM's patent licensing practices as related to standardization activities. It is the belief of IBM that the IBM patent application listed in Attachment A is relevant to a mode of operation proposed by IBM for inclusion in Federal Information Processing Standards for Modes of Operation for Symmetric Key Block Ciphers.

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IBM is pleased to make this offer in support of the standardization activities in NIST. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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for IBM Corporation

Attachment A: SUBJECT PATENT APPLICATIONS

Charanjit Jutla, "Encryption schemes with almost free integrity awareness," docket number YOR920000194US1. Filed April 14, 2000.