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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I am pleased to forward with this letter the annual report on the multi-agency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 is a description of activities funded by Federal NITRD agencies in the areas of advanced networking and information technologies. Innovations in science and technology derived from NITRD investments are continuing to play an important role in strengthening the Nation's economy and contributing to a secure and prosperous future.

The strength of multi-agency programs like NITRD derives from the power of leveraging funding and research results across many agencies, achieving far more than the investments of any single agency could produce. The effectiveness of the NITRD program depends upon a sound coordinated investment strategy and close interagency cooperation in both planning and execution. This Budget Supplement provides a window into the strong interagency coordination that is occurring through the NITRD Program.

I am pleased to provide to you this timely report.

Sincerely,



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Director