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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I am pleased to forward with this letter the annual report on the multiagency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004 describes advanced networking and information technologies developed through Federal NITRD investments. These investments continue to foster an unrivalled U.S. capacity for innovation—the Nation's most vital resource for national security, economic development, and continuous improvements in living standards for all Americans.

The broad-based impacts of the NITRD Program cited in this document represent achievements not only of the NITRD research community, but also of other Federal programs, public-private partnerships, and the private sector. The FY 2004 Supplement focuses on the outcomes of Federal NITRD research, organized around the Program's contributions to foundations for national security, scientific leadership, research, learning, and the 21st century society. The report places Federal NITRD research in its context as a strategic national resource that provides the essential technological underpinnings for far-reaching innovations that will influence the Nation's development in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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Director