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Any plans or agreements on intellectual property enforcement, such as the proposed Anti Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), must be made *open and transparent*. In dealing with questions of copyright and the Internet, too much is at stake for our country's laws and policies to be made out of the public eye.

A full cost/benefit analysis of the issues at play would benefit us. The costs of enforcement are part and parcel of the costs of infringement. Your office was created, in part, to ensure that scarce government resources are directed at the most important problems.

Big media are using this forum to recommend that the Internet be filtered and wiretapped, that digital locks be put on consumer goods, and that people be required to pay over and over again to access the content they've purchased.

Remember that secrecy was a hallmark of the Bush/Cheney administration.

--Wes