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I am disturbed that Ms. Espinel reportedly holds that the goal of copyright and patent is to PROTECT something, when the Constitution clearly states that the intent is to 'promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts...' As a recently retired librarian I am disturbed by the extent to which the copyright laws have been corrupted by the Mickey Mouse lobby and others to focus on protection and punishment rather than the promotion of the greater good. Even the established rule of fair use has been under continued attack by the rights holders. The extension of the terms of copyright and the DMCA have severely shifted the balance toward the powerful and moneyed at the expense of students, researchers, and the general public. I realize the countervailing forces are very powerful, but I would urge that you focus on what promotes the general good and not just the profit of the few.