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Daniel O. Hill
Acting Under Secretary
Bureau of Industry and Security
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW Room 3898
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Dear Mr. Hill:

I am writing to request the participation and support of the Bureau of Industry (BIS) and Security, Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), in the initiation of an assessment of the use of foreign information and communication technology (ICT) in the domestic critical communications infrastructure.


The Department of Defense (DoD) seeks to manage risk to its information and weapons systems stemming from globalization of the commercial ICT marketplace. A healthy and competitive commercial ICT sector is an important element this risk management strategy. The results of this assessment will assist DoD in safeguarding U.S. Government systems and the commercial infrastructure on which they depend.

For the purpose of conducting this assessment, the DoD is prepared to enter into a project Memorandum-of-Understanding with BIS as well as to provide the necessary funding and technical support needed.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and we are looking forward to the opportunity to work with OTE on this important project.

If you should have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mitchell Komaroff, Globalization Task Force, at 703-697-3314 (e-mail: Mitchell.komaroff@osd.mil).

Sincerely,


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