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To: <u>FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty</u>

Subject: Attention to: Victoria A. Espinel, U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

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Good morning,

Please let me know if you would like to attend the meeting re: State Department's IP Annex at the main Commerce Building in room 4830 on March 11th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Please let me know if you would like someone else from your staff to attend as well.

If you would like, you can call in to this meeting. The Call In number is 866-509-9729 and the Participant number is 7623146.

If you plan to attend, please let me have your full name so I can register you with the Commerce Security.

Thank you, Eileen

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Subject: Congratulations!

Dear Victoria:

Congratulations on your appointment and confirmation as U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator! That is really great news, and I can't think of a more qualified person for the Administration to bring on board to head up and coordinate this increasingly important work.

Since you and I last chatted (when I was still with WilmerHale around the time you gave your presentation at NASA Goddard for the Maryland LES Chapter meeting), I have taken a position at NIST (started a year ago today!). It turns out that NIST inherited significant responsibility for technology transfer under Bayh-Dole and Stevenson-Wydler when the Technology Administration was done away with.

We have been in on-and-off talks with State, USTR, PTO, NIH and other agencies about the 1990 IP Annex, with which NIST has had long-standing issues. NIH also has issues with that Annex. You probably know much more about the Annex and its history than I, but there seems to be a consensus that the time might be right now to get all the interested USG stake-holders together and talk about whether we should consider working towards a 2010 IP Annex. NIST is hosting a meeting at the main Commerce Building on March 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. We plan to discuss the 1990 IP Annex issues, as well as the other Annexes that are extant, and come to consensus about whether to pursue a new Annex that might supplant (and obviate) the 1990 Annex.

I imagine you're very busy, and this is a bit ancillary to your current responsibilities, but we would love to have you or someone from your staff join us if you are able. There will be a dial-in as well.

I've copied my assistant Eileen on this. If you can join us, let her know as well so she can provide your name to the Commerce security folks.

In any event, again, congratulations, and I hope we will have a chance to catch up at some point.

With best regards.

Henry

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