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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the related statements of revenues and expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, which, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles recognized by the International Accounting Standards Committee. We performed the audits of the STCU financial statements at the request of the STCU Board of Governors and the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). These financial statements are the responsibility of the STCU's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the STCU expenses its assets in the year of purchase and does not capitalize and depreciate the cost of assets which have a useful life beyond the current accounting period. This practice is contrary to generally accepted International Accounting Standards which provide that such assets be capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful lives. The STCU has asserted that because of the unusual circumstances of the organization, strict interpretation and application of this accounting principle would result in misleading financial statements. The effect of the departure is to more accurately match the revenue contributed by the sponsoring parties to the expenditures for the period.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the STCU as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles recognized by the International Accounting Standards Committee.


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*Audit went smoothly.
of Adjustments minimal
No I/C deficiencies*