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Dear Matt:

I thought you'd be interested in how our paths have crossed again, or at least the paths of the organizations with which we are affiliated. The Federation of American Scientists was kind enough to file an amicus brief on behalf of one of my clients, supporting our view that SDI was still a research program and not yet, if ever, a weapons system. (The Air Force wanted the weapons characterization to avail themselves of a major loophole in the government contract law.)

I regret to say the Court of Appeals just ruled against us on both this notion and our claim that an unclassified Ada software compiler was not "an integral part of a weapons system." I am enclosing a copy of the FAS brief, which I wrote with John Pike, for your information.

I enjoyed the brief opportunities we had in the past to collaborate on CBW when I was at Defense and on pesticides when I was at EPA in the early 1970s. I hope there will be other opportunities for us to work together someday on some other project. In the meantime, if I can ever do anything to assist you, please let me know.

Yours truly,



Marshall Lee Miller

cc: John Pike

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Enclosure (Brief)

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