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To: Lt. Gen. A. Short
From: Paul A. Strassmann
Subject: Defense Effectiveness and Cutting Costs

Our meeting on Friday affirmed our fervent agreements about the urgent need to modernize the defense information infrastructure.

You were interested in some of my presentation slides that describe the current situation, compare it with industry experience and show how our investment funding must be protected and concentrated. Enclosed are copies of presentations I shall be giving this week. You are welcome to any of the graphic originals.

If we do not commit now to a 7-10 year integrated program for total modernization of our "corporate" computer and communications networks, we will end up having spent the money anyway and exit into the 21st century with an infrastructure that is not secure, interoperable and low-cost.

Paul

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