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Re: Comments on the Joint Strategic Plan

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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Below is a form letter I agree with.

The Sonny Bono copyright extension was a crock, and makes no allowances for reasonable timeframes for material to come into the public domain. Really, it was written for Disney, Inc.

I don't have a problem with Mickey Mouse being under copyright. I do have a problem with the thousands upon thousands of works that are needlessly protected when they have nearly no value as IP, yet might be entertaining to read/peruse.

Perhaps this administration or Congress could buy out the rights of these copyright holders en masse, or declare that someone has to file by a certain date or their almost-ancient copyrights will expire. Everyone who actually cares will file, the rest of the material will be public domain, and people will have access to much more free material than before!!

Thanks for your attention...

Any strategic plans for enforcement of intellectual property should measure all of the costs and benefits involved. Enforcement has its own costs to citizens and consumers, especially when legal uses of copyrighted works can be mistaken for infringement.

The Joint Strategic Plan should carefully examine the basis for claims of losses due to infringement, and measure credible accounts of those losses against all of the consequences of proposed enforcement measures, good and bad.

Measures like cutting off Internet access in response to alleged copyright infringement can do more harm than good. Internet connections are not merely entertainment or luxuries; they provide vital communication links, often including basic phone service. This is even more clearly unfair in cases where users are falsely or

mistakenly accused.

Internet service providers should not be required or asked to violate users' privacy in the name of copyright enforcement beyond the scope of the law. Efforts to require or recommend that ISPs inspect users' communications should not be part of the Joint Strategic Plan.

The anti-circumvention provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act can criminalize users who are simply trying to make legal uses of the media they have bought. Breaking digital locks on media should not be a crime unless they are being broken for illegal purposes. The government should not spend its resources targeting circumventions for legitimate purposes.

Any plans or agreements on IP enforcement, like the proposed Anti Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) should be made open and transparent. In dealing with questions of copyright and the Internet, too much is at stake for our country's laws and policies to be made out of the public eye.

Sincerely,

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