

June 30, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-123 - IMPROVING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIVERSITIES TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE NRC RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Commission has approved the integrated approach proposed by the staff in the subject paper. The Commission urged the staff to strive for the high end of the 7 to 10 percent range for the goal for the university share of the extramural research budget. For a transitional period while experience is gained in the implementation of the Broad Agency Agreements (BAA) and other mechanisms, the staff should continue the formal Educational Grant Program at a reduced level to be determined in the budget process. The Educational Grant Program currently fills a space in a multi-pronged approach to Federal research and should be reserved for small, defined, yet exploratory basic research. The staff should provide an assessment of the level of university support provided by BAA and other mechanisms, and make additional recommendations as to the need for continuation of the formal Educational Grant Program in view of the experience with these other approaches.

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