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MEMORANDUM TO: William M. Dean, Assistant for Operations  
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Dates: June 8-10, 2005  
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regulator's view on the role of independent research capability

Attachments: Copy of presentation slides

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