

July 2, 2003

Mr. John Lohmeyer
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Dear Mr. Lohmeyer,

Subject: IBM Patent Licensing Position for the INCITS T10 Committee

Overview:

The following statement applies to the INCITS T10 draft proposed American National Standard Projects:

1556 - D **Automation/Drive Interface - Physical Layer (ADP)**

1557 - D **Automation/Drive Interface - Transport Layer (ADT)**

1558 - D **Automation/Drive Interface - Commands (ADC)**

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