

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 24, 2005

Joe Guerci
Deputy Director
DARPA/SPO
3701 North Fairfax Drive
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Dear Deputy Director Guerci:

We are writing in strong support of the NATO Advanced Study Institute which has submitted an application for support by DARPA to help fund the Institute's participation in a conference taking place in Barga, Italy on July 17-30, 2005. The conference will bring together scientists in diverse areas of sensing and security to discuss the newest technologies to combat terrorism.

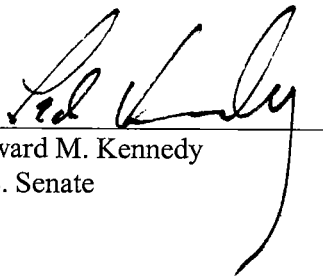
We feel it would be beneficial for the Institute's scientists to participate in the conference, because their work is of immediate and vital interest to the Department of Defense. The topics that ASI scientists will discuss include:

- the increasing need for fast and accurate sensing of threats;
- the scientific underpinnings of the ongoing revolution in sensing; and
- specific sensing algorithms and techniques.

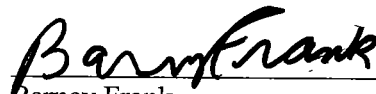
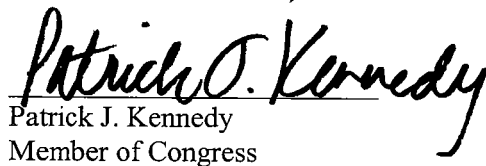
In accordance with all the applicable rules and regulations, we urge you to give the NATO Advanced Study Institute's application your highest consideration.

With respect and appreciation,

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senate


Barney Frank
Member of Congress
Patrick J. Kennedy
Member of Congress