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Dear Colleagues,

In preparation for our discussion on February 17-18, I have enclosed some background reading. The first document is a compendium of responses to some preliminary questions that I sent to a sub-set of the participants. These responses will give you to a sense of where we appear to have common ground and where we may have differences. I think you'll find the differences fascinating!

In addition, I have included a number of articles that will give you a general picture of much of the current higher education thinking about these issues:

"Ownership of New Works at the University: Unbundling of Rights and the Pursuit of Higher Learning"

Consortium for Educational Technology for University Systems, 1997

<http://www.cetus.org/ownership.pdf>

"Ownership of Electronic Course Materials in Higher Education"

by Dan L. Burk

CAUSE/EFFECT, Volume 20, Number 3, Fall 1997, pp. 13-18.

<http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/html/cem9734.html>

"Intellectual Property Meets Information Technology"

by Dennis P. Thompson

Educom Review, March/April 1999, Volume 34, Number 2, p. 14-21.

<http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/html/erm99022.html>

"Digital Diploma Mills: The Automation of Higher Education"

By David F. Noble, October, 1997

http://www.firstmonday.dk/issues/issue3_1/noble/index.html

I look forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Cordially,

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