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Dear Bill,

Accredited Standards Committee X3T10 is developing a family of ATA standards. As a part of this effort we have recently accepted a proposal for hard disk security which is included in section 7.6, Security Mode Feature Set, of the draft ATA-3 standard (X3T10/2008-D).

As a normal part of the standards process X3T10 made a call for patents which may be applicable to our work. In response to a call, our attention was drawn to patent number 5,375,243 Hard Disk Password Security System assigned to Compaq Computer Corporation.

In view of the identification of this patent, I am requesting that Compaq Computer consider the draft ATA-3 standard to see if you believe patent number 5,375,243 or any of your other patents may be required for someone to conform to requirements in this draft standard as part of an ATA-3 implementation. If you believe that the patents would be required, I am requesting that you make those patents available for license according to the ANSI patent policy.

For your reference I am enclosing a copy of the draft ATA-3 standard and the ANSI patent policy. The key aspect of the policy is that licenses of required patents be made available on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis.



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