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Dear Gene,

Thank you for your letter dated April 19, 1996 which documents the X3T13 position that ATAPI command set work should be done in one Technical Committee. I appreciate the vote of confidence (and the reluctance of a few X3T13 members) to designate that the one TC should be X3T10.

I wish to assure X3T13 that I am personally committed to making this arrangement work. It certainly is in our industry's best interests to keep the ATAPI command sets and the SCSI command sets as consistent as possible to minimize driver development costs. At the same time we need to not burden ATAPI devices with every SCSI feature. To this end, X3T10 is committed to supporting the concept of subsetting command sets for ATAPI uses.

X3T10 is also committed to working with X3T13, IEEE, and other industry organizations that may wish to use the SCSI command sets in support of other I/O interfaces. A motion to this effect passed unanimously at X3T10 (23:0).

X3T10 did not address the exact mechanisms for the close liaison and the subsetting activities. I would like to suggest that we continue to hold periodic joint meetings and that we consider using normative annexes to develop the ATAPI profiles for our shared command sets. I am open to other methods that you might want to pursue.

Regards,

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