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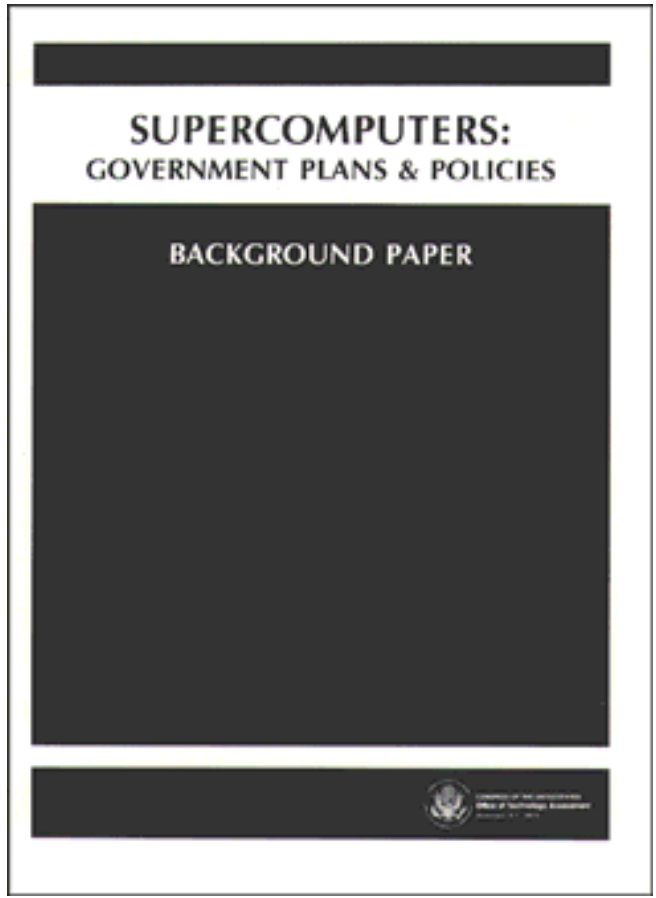

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Foreword

Supercomputers: Government Plans and Policies, presents a review of the Federal Government's large-scale computing programs and examines the networking and software programs within selected agencies. Certain management and institutional questions pertinent to the Federal efforts are also raised and discussed.

This background paper was requested by the House Committee on Science and Technology. Within the past 2 years, there has been a notable expansion in the Federal supercomputer programs and this increase prompted the committee's request for a review of issues of resource management, networking, and the role of supercomputers in basic research.

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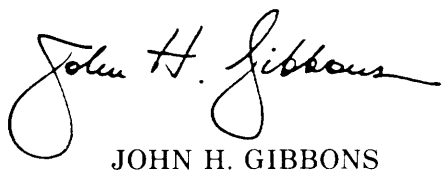

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