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Expanding Public Access to the Results of Federally Funded Research

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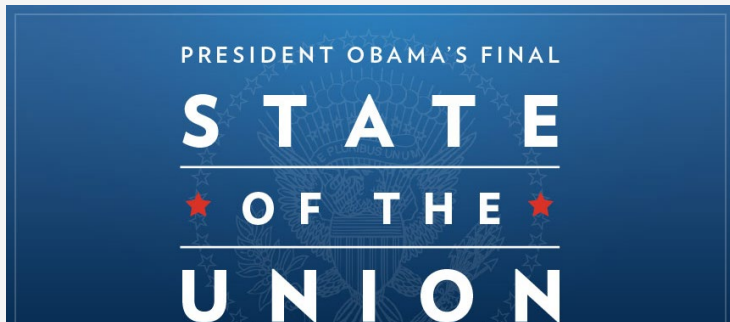
To see the new policy memorandum, please

visit: http://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf

To see Dr. Holdren's response to the *We the People* petition, please

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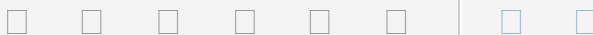
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