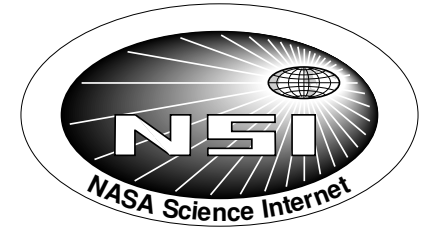
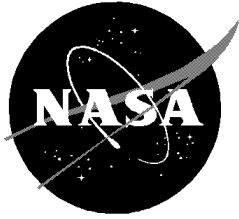


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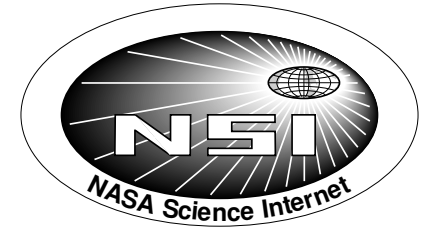


Personal Comments to the IETF

- **The battle is over - reason has (more or less) prevailed**
- **This battle was in reality over a long time ago**
- **A large CLNP infrastructure is unlikely to ever to deployed (this conclusion is in the report)**
- **The real “enemy” wasn’t OSI, it was and is proprietary systems**
- **The IETF needs to “move up the food chain” and address higher layer functionality (transaction processing, EDI, etc...) to displace proprietary systems**
- **Convergence will happen due to market forces, not Government fiat**

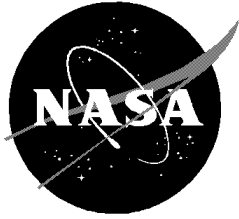


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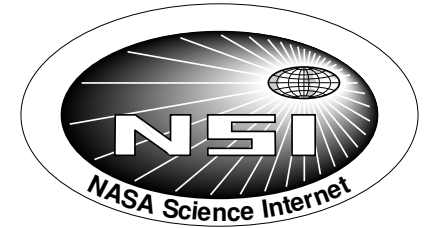


Likely Changes

- **Stress importance of convergence, and interoperability (most likely will occur in the IETF - that's where the "action" is)**
- **Reiterate the importance of recognition of the IETF and it's process**
- **IP and OSI will be "mandatory for consideration"**
- **Proprietary protocols will be "used as a last resort"**
- **Conformance testing isn't a Government requirement, but interoperability testing may be appropriate in certain cases**
- **International trade issues may cause additional work**
- **Steering role of the FIRP panel (at least temporarily)**
- **Reiterate the importance of the practical issue of security**

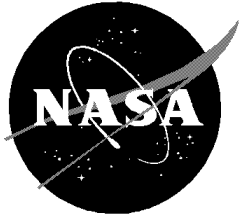


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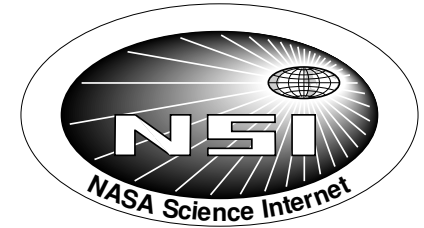


Comments on the FIRP

- **81 comments received**
- **Only a few Federal agencies commented**
- **US Organizations were 2 to 1 in favor**
- **Comments from outside the US were 3 to 1 against**
- **Strong negative comments from most “standards” organizations**
- **In general, real users and real vendors liked it, but “special interests” did not**

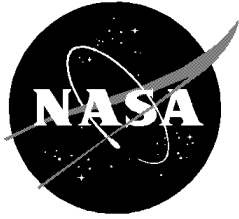


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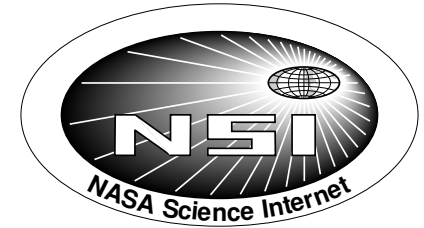


Recommendations and Conclusions

- **FIPS 146 should be rewritten (no longer called GOSIP) and recognize both the IP and OSI suites, including RFC 1006 and hybrid stacks**
- **FIPS 146 no longer mandatory (more on this later...)**
- **The ultimate aim is to converge to a single interconnected, interoperable standards-based network environment, that is a seamless part of the National Information Infrastructure**

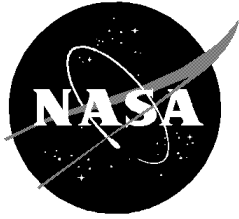


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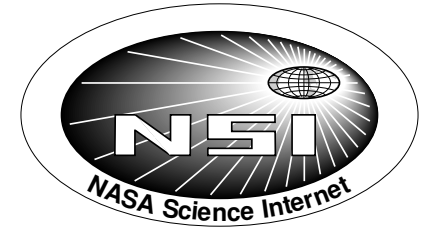


Recommendations and Conclusions

- **Open, voluntary, international standards should be adopted and used by Federal agencies (from OMB circular A-119)**
- **The Internet protocol standards should be considered open, voluntary, international standards (specifically IETF standards)**
- **Current GOSIP policy should be modified by DoC to reflect a wider choice of technologies in the following hierarchy:**
 - **Open voluntary international standards**
 - **National voluntary and consortia standards**
 - **Proprietary standards with multinational prevalence**
- **No one protocol suite meets all the Government's requirements**

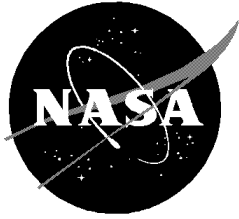


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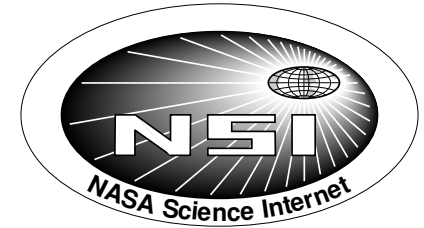


Recommendations and Conclusions

- **Role of oversight and integration across Federal agencies should be strengthened in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**
- **Roles and responsibilities for fostering standards should be refocused and strengthened in Commerce**
- **Roles and responsibilities for infrastructure development and operations should be defined and assigned through the Information Infrastructure Task Force (IITF)**
- **Roles and responsibilities of affinity groups should be defined and coordinated through Government Information Technology Services working group (GITS)**

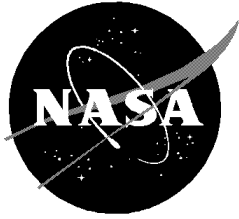


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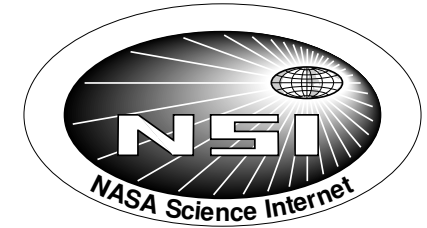


Approach and Philosophy

- **Interpret charter broadly**
- **Fix the process, not the specific symptoms**
- **Getting the agency's job done is the most important goal**
- **Focus on the real end goal - interoperability**
- **Give agencies more discretion to solve their problems**
- **But hold them accountable for end effects, not check off items**
- **The Government should make decisions like business does, based on costs and benefits, not mindless pursuit of standards for standards sake!**

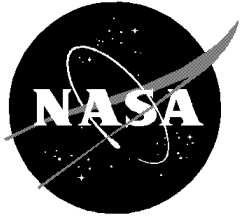


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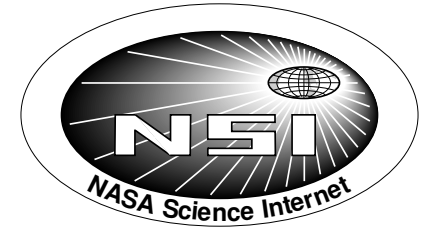


Schedule

- **Chartered by NIST (Sept. 93)**
- **First meeting (Oct 93)**
- **Held 8 meetings (Oct - Dec 93)**
- **Draft report for comment (Jan 94)**
- **Comments received (Feb 94)**
- **Final report (Apr 94)**



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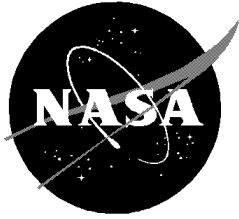
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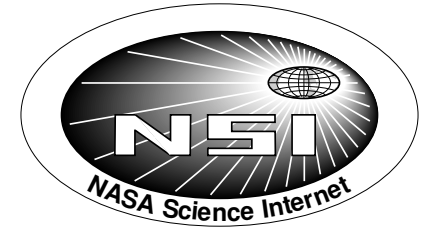
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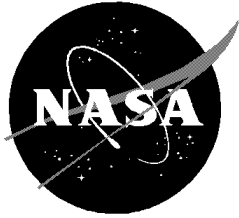


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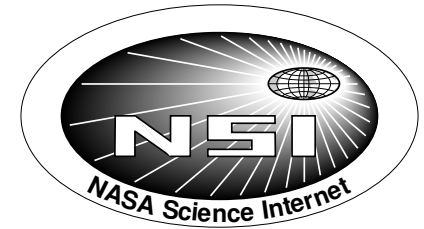


FIRP Charter

- **Short and long term issues of internetworking standards**
- **Role of the TCP/IP and OSI Protocol suites**
- **Role of proprietary and consortia protocols**
- **Interoperability in the Federal community and beyond**
- **Federal networking requirements**
- **Economics of acquisition and use**
- **FIPS impacts (specification, testing, applicability)**
- **Protocol testing**
- **Federal investments in R&D and infrastructure**



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