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Mr. Klaus-Peter Wittig,
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34, Chemin des Colombettes,
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3rd July 2000.

Re: Task No.24 of the SCIT Work Program:
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Dear Mr. Wittig,

Thank you for your letter dated the 16th March 2000 requesting a report from the Israel Patent Office.

I must apologize for the delay in replying because I have recently returned from abroad.

This report is being sent to you by e-mail.

**ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON PATENT INFORMATION
ACTIVITIES IN THE ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 1999.**

- 1. Filing of patent applications has increased dramatically in 1999 by 30% particularly in the Telecommunications field which also includes many applications in the field of e-commerce, software related subject matter and in biotechnology particularly in genetic engineering. There has been no change in the number of patents granted from 1998 and 1999.**

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3. Our Office produces no microfilms or CD-ROM's.
4. Computerization in the Patent Office is only at its infancy covering only administrative tasks. There is no database for the patent specifications and patent abstracts. Such a database will be implemented if a budget will be available.
5. The search files are available in paper form only and the examiners prepare and search the files according to the latest edition of the I.P.C.
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7. The Patent Office library provides the public with the complete collection of Israeli patents in numerical order and Israeli patent abstracts arranged according to the I.P.C. here is also available partial collections of patent abstracts from the USPTO, EPO, U.K., France and Germany.
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Yours sincerely,

Dr. Bernard Crammer

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