

The National Research Council of Canada in its brief
 to the Senate Special Committee on Science Policy points out
 that "because of the unpredictability of scientific discovery,
 new scientific advances cannot be planned or centrally directed."
 Planning and decision making with respect to scientific research,
 at the Government level, should be primarily confined to the
 establishment of the appropriate scale of overall funding and
 provision for major research facilities.

Whereas we fully agree with the National Research Council
 that the Special Committee on Science Policy cannot be centrally directed,
 we would like

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Scientific research is now so expensive, so specialized
 and so diversified that it now becomes urgent to promote
 cooperative efforts in order to save time and money. With
 this in view and in an attempt to foster larger research units
 in University departments, so that research can be planned and
 carried out by well integrated teams rather than on an individual
 basis, the National Research Council has in recent years awarded
 negotiated development grants to get such teams off the ground.
 These grants are of a large order of magnitude and
 must be limited in number. This is particularly
 unfortunate in the case of biology where the fields of research
 are so diverse that any particular research theme supported by