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To: Interested Colleagues

Re: Good news: <http://videocast.nih.gov>

You may be interested in the US Government's exciting initiative at <http://videocast.nih.gov>.

NIH has started with several of their strongest Institutes and prestigious crossroads lecture series, that bring leading researchers from US & foreign locations to NIH. At this point, 156 events are scheduled & 716 events have been recorded and archived for desktop video-on-demand availability to any Internet user.

This is an extraordinary national (& global) contribution that strengthens the curriculum at research universities and 4-year colleges, brings the best & latest ideas to the desktops of scientists (in non-profit and corporate settings) as quickly as possible, and can accelerate scientific innovation.

Recent data concerning rapid construction of a new generation of fiber optic cables, and transoceanic Internet capacity, are available at www.policyscience.net. The capacity for linkups between all continents is increasing exponentially and wholesale prices are falling at 50% - 60%/year. Any Internet-based project (text or colloquium series) will be, *de facto*, a global resource.

Sincerely,

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