



2520005097781

02 OCT 22 10:01

October 10, 2002

Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The following is a "Top-Hat Declaration statement for the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc.

**Statement Required Under Alternative Method of Compliance
with ERISA Reporting and Disclosure Rule (DOL Reg. §2520.104-23)**

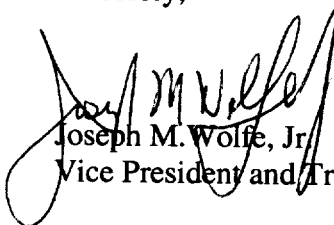
Name and Address of Employer: The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc.
555 Technology Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

Employer Identification Number: 04-2505372

The Employer has established an arrangement primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees – the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc. (the "Plan"). The Plan is the second such arrangement maintained by the Employer. The effective date of the Plan is October 3, 2002.

The number of employees covered by the Plan is 16.

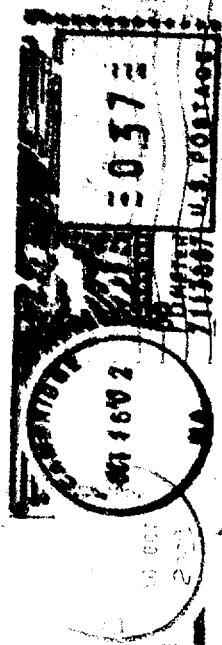
Sincerely,


Joseph M. Wolfe, Jr.
Vice President and Treasurer

J. M. Wolie, Jr., MS#05



555 Technology Square
Cambridge, MA 02139-3563



TOP HAT PLAN EXEMPTION
PENSION AND WELFARE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
ROOM N-5644
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
200 CONSTITUTION AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20210

2021040002 