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Smartphones

GPS

The Internet

Gene Analysis Technology

Micro Hard Drives

Kidney Donor-to-Transplant Recipient Matching System

Laser Microsurgery

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“If science is to press ahead...our society must provide scientific inquiry the necessary means of sustenance. We must, in short, support it.”

— President John F. Kennedy, October 22, 1963

“Basic research...ends up being one of the most practical things government does.”

— President Ronald Reagan, April 2, 1988

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