Vest Calls for Better Relations with Gov’t

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Congress’ new mood puts increasing pressure on MIT tuition, if, and endowment revenues to set the bit of the bill for research, e said.

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The gravity of the situation was underscored this summer in Con-

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sion passed a bill that threatened to cut the Department’s $1.4 billion 1995 university search budget by more than half. DeD Cut Threatens Research,”

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Such instances have prompted instances to write: “...to work with great intensity to soothe understanding of the issues members of Congress and their the report. Government support of basic research is essential to the long-term "dents of universities and to the im’s future, Vest said. In addi-

tion, innovation and discovery and deme should work together to set and yield goals for what is critical to the wellbeing of the em. Such areas include the envi-

energy, transportation, communications, and more liv-

icism, he said.

“Simply too early” to tell f the major Republican congru-

al gains will impact MIT’s abili-

to help develop new space policy, t said later in the report. Howevere, the importance of education and arch trenches party politics, aid.

another fundamental goal of the future will be “preparing students well, and to exercise leader-

in an increasingly international ext,” Vest said.

and our curricula are to- ing to meet new needs, chall-

MIT students now must learn at and human biology. Mas-

Schools curriculum and Management is altered and integrated.

ring conflict with industry

Industrial issues have become li-

excitement from the perspective of faculty “and indeed, noted, and each other as ever before.”

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