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FINAL REPORT

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Project Director:	Thomas G. Tornabene School of Applied Biology Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA 30332 (404)894-3735

Date Submitted: 890823

ILLUSTRATIVE USE OF FUNDS

Two Varian Model DMS 300 UV/Vis spectrophotometers and accessory intrumentations were purchased with the monies awarded by this contract and cost sharing from the Georgia Institute of Technology. One of the spectrophotometers is dedicated to the molecular biology research programs. The system has been configured to transmit absorbance and temperature data to an IBM compatible computer through RS 232 serial channels. Data acquisition and control software is being written and implemented. The temperature probe (a platinum resistor) is inserted directly in the sample cur-The analog voltage signal from the temperature vette. module is sent to a 12-bit A/D input board in the computer. The system is being employed to obtain data from a set of DNA oligomers 20-30 bp in length and to obtain high resolution DNA helix coil transition data. These studies are aimed at determining the effects of base pair sequence on DNA stacking interactions and the influence of electrostatic end-effects on DNA stability. Other applications have included characterization of the GC content of bacterial strains being investigated by faculty members in the Schools of Applied Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Accessories purchased include a photomultiplier with low noise, thermostable cell holder, DMS thermal isolator walls, input/output option, high resolution plotter, station mount, 0 to 100 Degree Platinum Probe, single module MB-series mount, IEEE-488 interface-short board, IBM data acquisition and control adapter, and a computer system with its accessories to run the spectrophotometer.

The second spectrophotometer is being used for conventional analyses and assays of proteins, enzymes, pigments, lipids and nucleic acids by faculty in the Applied Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and the Environmental and Biomedical Engineering programs.

Both instruments and their accessories are housed in the Research Center for Biotechnology. This Center is a multiuser facility that provides service to the faculty and staff at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Center is housed in the first two floors of the Cherry Emerson Building. The spectrophotometers are under the supervision of Dr. Thomas G. Tornabene, the Director of the School of Applied Biology and the Research Center for Biotechnology. The Director has assigned the responsibility of managing these spectrophotometers to Dr. Roger Wartell, a Biophysicist and faculty member in the Biotechnology program.