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President Truman ^{27 AUG} (today) took steps to provide for the release to American industry of scientific and industrial information seized from the enemy during the war.

In an Executive Order the President put such information, including patents, under the jurisdiction of Chairman John W. Snyder of the War Mobilization and Reconversion Board.

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The text of the President's Executive Order follows:

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