

Need for Someone to Light Fuse

Unfortunately, many admirable proposals traverse the systems analysis stage and falter at systems engineering. Thus the various associations concerned with blindness, including the American Association of Workers for the Blind, the American Foundation for the Blind, and the American Association of Instructors for the Blind, and all the agencies in the Federal government concerned with blindness might well marshal their forces toward such a goal, since the stakes are far higher than those in any of their previous activities.

The talent and much of the technology are available. Perhaps one may well consider the words of "Boss" Kettering, who commented shortly after Sputnik I, "We have all the talent and technology we need in the United States to compete successfully in the space race or in any other race. All we need is someone to light the fuse."

Why doesn't the AAWB light the fuse?

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- (Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the committee adjourned.)

