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Concurring and Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Andrew N. Ferguson
Joined by Commissioner Melissa Holyoak
Regarding the FTC Staff Report on AI Partnerships & Investments 6(b) Study
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Today, the Commission votes to release a ~~staff~~ report about the partnerships between three Big Tech giants (Amazon, Google, and Microsoft) and ~~two~~ artificial intelligence ("AI") developers (Anthropic and OpenAI). AI technology

Section 6(b) study was quick—concluding within a year⁵—and notably narrow in scope, covering only three partnerships between five companies. Such an approach may have been appropriate for rapid developments within the AI industry required speed to ensure the report’s relevance. But the limited, brief nature of the study should foreclose the drawing of broad conclusions about the AI industry and its future, or even about the partnerships themselves. The staff report acknowledges as much, deploying hedging language through Section 5 and making clear that “an analysis of the impact that these partnerships might have on competition is beyond the scope of this report.”⁶ The Commission therefore should not have published speculation about what the future may hold. Readers should skip Section 5 of the Report, or read it with tremendous skepticism.

⁵ Press Release, FTC