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Dear Mr. Ohta,

Thank you for the informative liaison explaining the ITU-T SG13 Study items on OAM for Ethernet networks. Within the IEEE 802.3ah task force, we are currently developing OAM functionality intended to cover the following objectives:

- * Loopback
- * Remote Failure Indication
- * Link Monitoring

In many ways, the goals set forth in your study are more extensive than those addressed by the IEEE 802.3ah task force. Within our task force (and indeed in all activities in IEEE 802.3), our discussions and goals are limited to Ethernet links, not Ethernet networks. We believe that our efforts are very much in agreement with your overall goals, and could contribute a part of the solution for OAM in an Ethernet network. However, within the 802.3ah task force, we will not be addressing any network wide, or end-to-end, OAM issues.

We look forward to working in close cooperation with your efforts, and fully recognize the importance of network wide OAM functionality.

Sincerely,

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