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Dear Bill:

I apologize for not getting back to you before June 1st, but we really had nothing special on which to comment concerning your letter of April 28th. However, I have written congressmen stating my opinion as to the best way to handle inventions resulting from government-sponsored research. My opinion is government should not retain invention rights, but release those rights to private industry. This seems to be the only way the public will receive any benefit from inventions resulting from the taxpayers' support. I do not believe industry will pour money into development of inventions without some protection from a non-investor using the same invention.

Hope to see you at the next SUPA meeting.

Sincerely,



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