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Dear Mr. Bremer:

Thank you for your letter on government patent policy. The Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space has recently completed three days of exploratory hearings on Federal research and development and industrial innovation in an attempt to determine whether the U.S. technological position is deteriorating and, if so, what Federal government policies may be contributing to that decline or could be oriented toward stimulating innovation in the private sector. These hearings have been very general in nature, but we have concluded that there are problems that merit the Subcommittee's continuing and close attention.

You may know that several witnesses, particularly Bill Carey of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, emphasized the great need for a uniform and liberal Federal patent policy. Thus, the material you sent will be of great interest and use to us as we proceed. I appreciate your bringing the matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Chairman
Subcommittee on Science, Technology
and Space