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Dear Howard:

Subject: Schmitt Bill S.3467 "Science and Technology Research
and Development Utilization Policy Act"

In accordance with your note of December 6, 1978, we have reviewed S.3627 and offer the following comments.

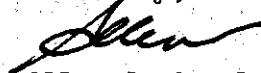
The emphasis of Section 201 is that the government shall acquire title to any invention made or conceived in the course of a sponsored project, subject to the rights of the contractor inventor to petition for ownership. This policy, as you know, is substantially what we are now confronted with in most situations.

Under Section 402, still another federal organization would be established; this one to establish and maintain the federal technology utilization program. Since this organization would be dealing with a large number of inventions of all sorts, and would not have close contact with inventors, I have no reason to believe it would be any more successful than present government efforts to license inventions. Remember the government now owns thousands of inventions it cannot license.

In short, I do not believe that this legislation, if enacted, would materially change the status quo with respect to the bulk of inventions generated within universities.

I hope that these brief remarks will be of some benefit to you.

Sincerely,



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