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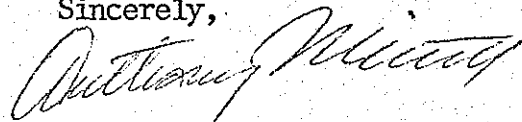
Mr. William O. Burke
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Dear Mr. Burke:

Please accept my apologies for this late response to your letter of 28 April 1978 requesting information on our experience with IPA's and their effect on research support from private sponsors. Unfortunately, I cannot cite any statistical information on specific cases where our having an IPA has in fact salvaged support from a private sponsor. I am not specifically aware of any case where we have actually lost an agreement because of government claims on patents and inventions. It is my general impression however, that by having an IPA with HEW we have had an easier time in negotiations with private sponsors who wish to support identical work. It is surprising how often private industry personnel are unaware of government policies having to do with title and inventions. It would seem to me that an educational effort in this area might well be worth some effort of the society.

I am sorry I cannot be more specific in my response however, this has not been a particularly troublesome area as far as this institution is concerned.

Sincerely,



Anthony Merritt
Director

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