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Dear Senator Haskell:

This letter is a follow-up to my telegram dated December 16, 1977 concerning the hearings held December 19, 20, and 21, 1977 by the Monopoly Subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business chaired by Senator Gaylord Nelson. These hearings were concerned with the efforts being undertaken to establish a uniform Government patent policy. I would once again like to express the University's concern regarding the organization of these hearings and to indicate to you our support of HR 6249 (HR 8596).

The Colorado State University Research Foundation is the University administrative unit responsible for inventions and patents and the licensing of new technology developed by University personnel. We have, over the past several years, been engaged in a program to increase our patent and licensing activities. It is our belief that we can provide a successful technology transfer program for our faculty and promote the introduction of inventions into the marketplace. In order to provide this service and keep our patent program active it is necessary to obtain the most favorable patent rights we can on inventions resulting from federal sponsorship. In 1977 the Research Foundation successfully negotiated eight license agreements. We currently have twenty active licensees. In accordance with our Patent Policy, a percentage of royalty income received is returned to the inventors whose inventions have been licensed. Dollars remaining after accounting and legal expenses are returned to the University in support of educational and research programs through grants-in-aid, purchases of land and equipment, construction of needed facilities, etc..

Our efforts to expand our patent and licensing activities in order to provide assistance to the University are supported by our belief that the

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contractor is by far the best equipped to successfully handle the transfer of new technology into the marketplace. Our faculty provide the technical expertise necessary in the evaluation of inventions as well as information on the state-of-the-art in a wide range of fields. Participation by the University in technology fairs and professional societies such as the Licensing Executives Society and the Society of University Patent Administrators provides a valuable information resource and a wealth of opportunities in the patent and licensing field. For these reasons we would like to encourage your support of a uniform Government patent policy which would give contractors the opportunity of retaining title to inventions resulting from federal sponsorship. Your consideration and support in this regard will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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