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Mr. Newton O. Cattell
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Dear Newt,

We recently received a copy of a letter to you from Mr. Howard Bremer, President of the Society of University Patent Administrators.

We support the case which Mr. Bremer presented and endorse continuation of efforts to secure passage of the Thornton bill or an equivalent.

The University of Virginia has taken initiative to effect transfer of technology originating from University research; a foundation was established last summer to handle this role on behalf of the University. Efforts to restrict University ownership of the results of University research will curtail or greatly constrain our ability to help our inventions benefit the public.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Mr. Howard Bremer
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