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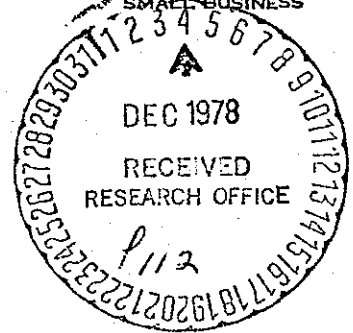
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SMALL BUSINESS



Mr. J. Ralph Shay  
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Dear Ralph:

Your letter of November 20, enclosing the material from Senator Dole's office, was extremely helpful. I checked with the offices of Senator Dole and Bayh and was told that Norman Latker's cooperation with their offices was undoubtedly one of the reasons he was asked to resign. When I asked Richard Warden, Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the reasons Mr. Latker's resignation was requested, I was told cooperating with Congress was not a factor. While I do not believe Mr. Warden's response, I am sure he could conjure up some other reasons and avoid the real ones. For this reason, I do not feel it would be helpful to pursue the Latker resignation further. In addition, I understand Mr. Latker is looking for other employment and has two opportunities which he feels will satisfy him. During my research on Mr. Latker I confirmed your statement that he is widely respected and that lack of competence was probably not a part of his troubles at NIH.

Regarding the basic issue of patent rights, I have asked Senator Bayh's office to provide me proposed language for the bill to be introduced in the 96th Congress. The explanation Joe Allen, from Senator Bayh's office, gave me was extremely helpful and convinces me that Senator Packwood might be interested in supporting the legislation. He does not typically like to co-sponsor legislation, but his support might be helpful nonetheless.

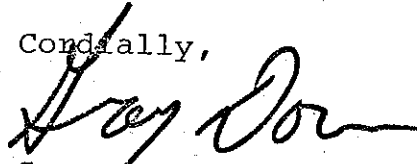
I have asked the Senate Small Business Committee to send copies of the hearings they held last spring on patent rights and will send them along in separate cover when they are available.

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Please keep in touch with regard to this and any other issue you feel should be brought to the attention of Senator Packwood.

Condiially,



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