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Mr. Ray J. Woodrow  
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Dear Mr. Woodrow:

I regret that I was unable to attend the recent SUPA meeting in Atlanta but unfortunately I was unable to get away from more pressing things here.

Our Research Foundation has recently been approached by an outside inventor (no connection to the University) asking us to evaluate an invention, possibly file a patent application on it and try to license it. While our articles of incorporation would permit this, we have never done so and have no policy on it.

The Board of Directors asked me to investigate what others do. I know that WARF's charter forbids it, and Iowa State University Research Foundation does not undertake such activities. Since you conducted the recent SUPA Survey of Institutional Patent Policies and Patent Administration, I was wondering if you had any information on such activities by other institutions. The question was not part of the survey, I know.

If you have any information or comments, I would greatly appreciate receiving them.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Tax reform act of 1962*  
Bill Trease

H. W. Trease

*Howard -  
we wouldn't do it -  
I doubt that many would*

HWT:ljb

*Ray*