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Mr. William O. Burke
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Dear Mr. Burke:

I am afraid I cannot be of much specific assistance in replying to your letter of April 28, 1978 concerning the effect of IPA's on industrial support at the University of Iowa.

We have had no cases where private sponsors lost interest in funding projects because of government claims to patents in related government-sponsored research; no cases where we had to negotiate specific terms with private sponsors because of federal patent clauses; nor any specific cases where an IPA saved the day.

However, I have had a number of licensing negotiations with pharmaceutical companies for drugs which were developed with DHEW support. All felt that there were no objectionable problems since we have a DHEW IPA. All expressed the opinion they could live with its terms.

It is my opinion that if the federal government should insist on title to inventions the development of many inventions would be effectively stifled. I believe that IPA's are a necessary precondition to expansion of private industry support and to delivery of technology for the public benefit.

Sincerely yours,



H. W. Trease

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