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Dear Dr. Shay:

Subject: Institutional Patent Agreement (IPA)

Your interest in an IPA is noted. However, it is not the policy of this Department to enter into such arrangements.

The Federal Register announcement cited in your letter of July 20, 1978, applies only to those agencies having a program for Institutional Patent Agreements (i.e., NSF, NIH).

Sincerely,

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