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Dear Will:

Enclosed you will find the proposed paper which we discussed by telephone this afternoon as well as a proposed letter to Dr. Press and Mr. Eizenstat. I appreciate your offer to review the paper.

Also enclosed you will find a single page of notes which Ray Woodrow had when he reviewed the paper while we were in Atlanta.

As I mentioned to you I think it may be extremely important to have base material in the hands of the Administration so that they have sound arguments for taking a position in favor of the Thornton bill. They did indicate at a meeting that we had with representatives of OSTP and the Domestic Affairs and Policy Group that they were not inclined to recommend a position at either extreme as federal patent policy, i.e. they did not wish to take Senator Nelson's approach or title-in-the-government as being the best policy nor did they wish to recommend a total title-in-the-contractor policy. Specifically, they asked if the status quo would present any particular problems. With that comment in mind, the attached paper does present some of the problems encountered with a status quo the primary one being, of course, that the status quo does not reflect a static situation.

If you will give the paper your early attention and keep in mind Ray Woodrow's comments and a few marginal notes during your review I think we can get a meaningful document off to Dr. Press in fairly short order.

Again, thank you for your offer of help.

Very truly yours,

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