

December 6, 1978

263-2831

Hon. Harrison H. Schmitt
United States Senate
1215 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Schmitt:

Receipt of your letter of November 15 and a copy of S. 3627 is acknowledged.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this bill but because of the time pressures of travel on business matters have been unable to address the provisions of the bill in detail.

It would be my intention to solicit comments from members of both the Society of University Patent Administrators and also from members of the Committee on Government Relations of the National Association of College and Business Officers before writing to you in detail regarding the provisions of the bill.

We certainly share your concern about the disincentives to innovation which are present, either by design or interpretation, in the existing patent policies of many Government agencies. It is our intention, therefore, to be very candid with regard to the provisions of S. 3627 based upon our experience with the diverse Government agencies and their practical and philosophical approach to the patent policy question.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

Howard W. Bremer
Patent Counsel

HWB:rw

bc--Pike-Woerpel-Hinkes