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Mr. Nels Ackerson
Chief Counsel & Executive Director
United States Senate
Subcommittee on the Constitution
102-B Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Ackerson:

As a follow-up to my July 13 discussion with you and Joe Allan you will find enclosed some background material which may be of value in your considering the impact of the proposed legislation regarding Government patent policy in relation to universities, nonprofit organizations and small business. In talking with Ralph Davis today he said that you were moving ahead with preparation of appropriate legislation which would be co-sponsored by Senator Bayh. We are pleased to see positive movement in that direction.

The enclosed material will reach you later than I had intended but a heavy travel schedule prevented me from assembling it sooner. Also, some of the material may duplicate items which Ralph Davis has already furnished. Your attention is directed particularly to the article appearing in The Atlanta Constitution which gives the surplus trade balance figures for the export of technology under license or other arrangements. You will note that these figures were obtained from the Department of Commerce and I am sure a more detailed breakdown is available from them.

Again, on behalf of all of the members of SUPA as well as the university community in general, your and Senator Bayh's interest in this matter is greatly appreciated and you can be assured that SUPA's cooperation is available to you upon request.

Sincerely,

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cc--Mr. Ralph Davis
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