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Dear Ray:

I will acknowledge all three letters which I received from you on the same day with my comments here.

On the Nelson matter: We too have been in contact through the University with Nelson's office and are putting pressure on that way. In addition, Marv has talked to Sturgis and has been informed that when hearings are held that we will be invited. Whether one or more of us will be speaking on behalf of just the University or WARF and/or SUPA I am not sure at this time but certainly the SUPA organization is interested in this issue and sponsorship of input by more than one party may be advisable.

On planning the next SUPA meeting: Mary Spores is sending out an inquiry to poll the membership as to their feelings on association with some other group, i. e. LES, Dvorkovitz or perhaps another university oriented group, for scheduling the next meeting. In addition, I have told Mary to send out a billing which should give us an indication as to who wishes to remain within the SUPA organization and further suggested that she also send application blanks to the nonmembers registered at the last meeting with an invitation to join. After we have had some indication from the poll and the billing activities I would propose that the Trustees and Officers of SUPA have a meeting to address themselves to the results of the poll and various of the other issues with which we are faced. Your suggestion regarding the Institutional Patent Agreement review is a good one and I think many of the schools can benefit from that information provided the Institutional Patent Agreement is still a viable mode under which the university will be able to operate.

You are no doubt aware of the movement afoot within the DHEW to cancel the Institutional Patent Agreement arrangement. At this time that knowledge is confidential but the word has been going out so that we all are at least prepared to take some immediate action and express an unanimity of opinion from the university sector of our displeasure with such an approach.

As a last item I appreciate your endorsement of Don Banner and will be in touch with him on behalf of SUPA. I have not seen when he is to take office but because of travel commitments I would not be able to do anything the whole month of April. I will follow-up on your suggestion, however, and if you have an opportunity to talk with Don you can suggest that we would be pleased to do what we can to establish credibility of the patent system and profession and, of course, the SUPA organization.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

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