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Honorable Donald W. Banner Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Mr. Banner:

In talking with Isaac Fleischmann last Friday I learned that you have accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of our Society next February in Atlanta. We all appreciate your willingness to participate in our meeting and are looking forward to hearing your address.

I also learned while in Washington that you are in a position to recommend to Secretary Kreps or Dr. Jordan Baruch potential members for the newly proposed Advisory Committee on Industrial Innovation which was announced in the Federal Register on May 30. The university sector is, of course, vitally interested in having representation on this Committee and particularly in any Committee activities relating to the role of patents in innovation and technical progress and, most importantly, in those activities which may have an impact on Federal patent policy. To this end you will find appended a list of candidates who have indicated their willingness to serve on that Committee. From personal contact and knowledge I can highly recommend Dr. Willard Marcy, Mr. Lawrence Gilbert, Mr. Ray Synder and Mr. Thomas Jones as capable, knowledgeable and dedicated individuals, all of whom would undoubtedly have items of value to contribute to the Committee's deliberations. The other gentlemen listed come very highly recommended to me and I have also had some personal contact with and know the sound qualifications of Mr. George Stadler, Mr. L. W. Miles and Mr. Thomas Evans.

We at SUPA believe that the studies and deliberations of this Committee, and ultimately its recommendations, can set the pattern for the reestablishment of the United States as the leader in industrial innovation. Consequently, we deem it imperative that one or more of these gentlemen become participants in the Committee's deliberations. Your recommendation to this end is sought on behalf of our Society.

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If you should have any questions concerning any of these gentlemen or their qualifications such information can be readily supplied.

Very truly yours,

Howard W. Bremer President

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