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Dear Mr. Silverstein:

This is in reference to your abbreviated reply of August 10, 1978, to my query to Mr. Thrush dated July 20, 1978.

Attached are selected pages from a June 28, 1978, draft of the Administrative Manual for Cooperative Agricultural Research--The Hatch Act, USDA, Science and Education Administration, Cooperative Research which suggests plans are being considered for Institutional Patent Agreements by that group.

Are there similar plans or discussions by Ag Research Service or by the U.S. Forest Service? These are agencies we are much interested in to facilitate our attempts to move new technologies into the market place.

Yours sincerely,

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