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Mr. Wayne Thrush  
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Dear Mr. Thrush:

We would like to apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for an Institutional Patent Agreement. With the U.S. Forest Service Sciences Laboratory located here on campus and with a large number of ARS staff housed in a number of Agricultural Experiment Station departments, there is a considerable volume of cooperative research with mixed federal and state funding. Many of these research projects yield patentable inventions that we would like to include in our Technology Transfer portfolio and bring them if possible into commercial use. To do this most effectively requires that we obtain extended rights from the federal department involved.

I understand that the liberalization in such extended rights proposed Thursday, February 2, 1978, in Federal Register, vol. 43, no. 23, pages 4424-4427 have now gone into effect (July 18, 1978). In this announcement a section (1-9, 109-7) was added entitled, "Negotiation of Institutional Patent Agreement".

We have all the information collected together as suggested in this added section and could send it to you as an application or to whomever you might suggest.

Yours sincerely,

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