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To: Mr. S. Blake Yates

On Monday, May 25th, I spent several hours with Mr. Ernest M. Allen, Chief of the Division of Research Grants in the Public Health Service, at Bethesda, Maryland, together with his assistant, Mrs. Parent, and Dr. Endicott who apparently is in charge of the technical aspects of the research grants, discussing the new patent policy of the Public Health Service.

I told them that, in general, I thought their proposed policy was a good one but I believed that they would have considerable difficulty in putting it into effect, particularly with those institutions which they judged were not competent to handle patent matters.

They have set up a list of parameters by which they will judge each institution and they propose to evaluate each institution individually. Among the parameters established are that the institution must have a patent policy that gives the institution control over inventions, must have an individual or a committee charged with the responsibility of administering the patent policy, and must have a definite organization for the administration of any patents that may be owned by the institution. I gathered that an agreement with Research Corporation would satisfy the Public Health Service on this last point.

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