



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 16, 1979

Howard W. Bremer
President, Society of University
Patent Administrators
P.O. Box 7365
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Mr. Bremer:

We appreciate the concern of the Society of University Patent Administrators, expressed in your letter of May 25, 1979, for the proper functioning of the Patent and Trademark Office. The Administration fully shares your support for a strong intellectual property system and views this as one of the keys to maintaining an innovative industrial sector.

Several months ago, in response to concerns such as your own, we requested that the Department of Commerce undertake a thorough internal review of the operations of the Patent Office. We expect that when this review is completed it will provide all those involved in managing and budgeting for the PTO with some very concrete proposals. This information, in combination with suggestions from informed organizations such as your own, should help maintain both the quality and timeliness of the important services which the PTO provides.

Sincerely,

John Carey
Chief, Commerce Branch