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July 27, 1953

Mr. Quincy C. Ayres  
Assistant to the President  
Iowa State College  
Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. Ayres:

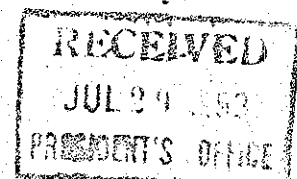
Reference is made to Mr. Allen's letter to of April 15, 1953, acknowledging your request that the invention and patent policies of Iowa State College be accepted by the Surgeon General to the end that such inventions as may arise from research assisted by the Public Health Service may be left to administration by the College in accordance with its own procedures.

I am sorry for the delay in communicating with you, but a statement of the types of policy and procedures which the Surgeon General would find acceptable is just now available. A copy of the outline, "Invention and Patent Policies Acceptable to the Public Health Service," is enclosed.

We have studied your Statement of Policy with reference to Patents, Copyrights and Trade-Marks, and feel that the information contained in this statement indicates reasonable policies which have the benefit of the public firmly in mind. There are a few areas of your policy, however, on which we should like more specific information before presenting recommendations to the Surgeon General.

The following information will enable us to commence active consideration of your application.

1. A statement as to whether the College is opposed in general to exclusive licenses, particularly in the case of public health inventions. If you have issued exclusive licenses, please give the number, terms of duration, and full information as to the basis on which such licenses were issued and the safeguards utilized to protect the public interest.



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2. A statement as to whether the College has an active policy of dedication to the public through publication in the case of inventions for which patent protection is not sought.

3. A statement as to whether employees are required to sign agreements to report and on request of the College to assign all rights in inventions which may be patentable and which are made in the course of duty or with the use of College facilities. (These criteria are consistent with those applied by the Federal Government to inventions made by employees -- see page 3 of attached outline.)

Please send us an example, or description, of the invention report you would prefer to make, and three copies of your Statement of Policy with reference to Patents, Copyrights and Trade-Marks.

Agreements reached will be effective for all current and subsequent Public Health Service grants and awards to your institution until further notice.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Katharine A. Parent  
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Enclosure