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Dear Al:

Your idea for a proposed national meeting to explore ways for improving industry-university and university-industry relationships is especially timely in view of the reasonable likelihood that the University and Small Business Patent Rights Bill may be favorably acted upon this year or next. In my view the following essentials must be in place before transfer of university technology can become significant:

- a. ownership of patent rights
- b. funds to file patent applications
- c. reasonable inventor equity in royalty sharing
- d. a university policy that fosters industrial support of university research
- e. patent awareness on the part of faculty and other university researchers; i.e.
  - 1) recognition of novelty
  - 2) patenting vs. publishing; mutually exclusive
  - 3) patents as an aid to securing grants
  - 4) patents as a vehicle for obtaining consulting contracts
  - 5) patents as a means of securing industrial support
  - 6) patents as a prime source of background literature

Improvement in d. and e. would go a long way toward building a better bridge between the industrial and academic communities. (See Abelson comments enclosed herein). I am also enclosing an old article of mine that you may not have seen which may be of interest.

I think you have a tiger by the tail. Good luck! If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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