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Dear Howard:

This refers to your letter of March 2, enclosing executed copies of the amendment to the Institutional Patent Agreement relating to a preference for United States industry in the licensing of Government-funded inventions.

Public Law 96-517 and the implementing regulations contained in Circular A-124 pertain to inventions made on or after July 1, 1981. Your Institutional Patent Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services covers all inventions made prior to that date. Please note that Section 204 of P.L. 96-517, 35 USC 204, and Section (i) of Attachment A to OMB Circular A-124, show a preference for United States industry. The amendment brings Department patent policy into conformance with the law, and is consistent with Sections 17a and 17b.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Patent Branch