

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

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TO: Holders of DHEW Institutional Patent Agreements

SUBJECT: Information Item No. 7

For some time the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has been utilizing Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates, among other services, to match and disclose its patented technology to potential licensees. This service is provided to DHEW and other submitters at no cost. I am particularly pleased with the number of inquiries coming from foreign concerns who are subscribers to Dr. Dvorkovitz' service. Some of these contacts should result in licensing of our foreign rights.

Since it appears that university and non-profit organization technology is not being exposed to potential foreign licensees to the extent possible. I believe it would be in the public interest if DHEW's Institutional Patent Agreement holders would also take advantage of Dr. Dvorkovitz' services. Accordingly, it is recommended, in each instance in which you elect to retain rights to an invention under your Institutional Patent Agreement and file a patent application, that you provide Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates with a copy of such application at the same time the application is forwarded to DHEW. Of course, inventions that were not generated with DHEW support may also be submitted at your discretion. Not only should this enhance possibilities for technology transfer, but there is every indication that foreign licensees will bear the cost of filing foreign patent applications. It is understood that any licensing negotiations will be conducted by the university or non-profit organization submitter or its designee.

It would be appreciated if you would provide me with a copy of any letter forwarding an invention disclosure to Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates so that we may determine the extent to which this service is being utilized.

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Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates' address is as follows:

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Any comments you may have regarding this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Lloyd Patterson, Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates