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TO: Holders of DHEW Institutional Patent Agreements

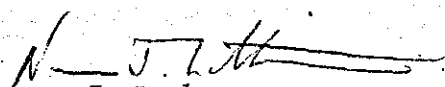
SUBJECT: Information Item No. 20

On September 11, 1974, the House voted, 182-142, to delete amended Section 7 (Patents) of the Nonnuclear Energy Bill (HR-13565) in favor of the Fuqua amendment, which provides as follows:

"Sec. 7. Not later than six months after the effective date of this Act, the Administrator shall report to the President and the Congress concerning the applicability of existing patent policies affecting his programs and shall make recommendation concerning amendments or additions to statutory patent policy which he deems advisable for carrying out the purposes of this title."

I am attaching for your use a copy of the Congressional Record covering the House debate on that Section, since the ultimate decision on patent policy will directly affect the operation of your office if you have dealings with the new Energy Agency.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure