

January 16, 1959

Mr. R. E. Carroll
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2036 East Engineering Building
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Ray:

Following your telephone call last Tuesday, January 13, I talked to Mr. Clarke Smith, Secretary of the Board of Regents, regarding the question you raised. In reply he has written in accordance with the copy of letter enclosed. I believe this will furnish you the information you required at this time.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Operations Director

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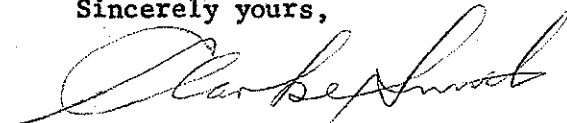
Mr. Edwin O. Rosten
Operations Director
Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation
506 North Walnut Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Rosten:

You have inquired as to whether a specific policy has been established by the Regents of the University of Wisconsin as to the ownership of inventions by members of the University staff. No such general policy has ever been established by the Regents. Therefore, basically, the ownership of inventions by members of the University of Wisconsin staff is vested in the inventors.

There are some exceptions to this general rule, particularly with reference to patent rights and patent licenses in connection with inventions developed under certain research contracts supported by outside agencies, particularly agencies of the federal government. In such cases where, under the terms of such research contracts, the University has agreed to grant certain rights to the contracting agencies, the University requires each of the University staff members working on such projects to sign affidavits agreeing to do whatever is necessary to permit the University to fulfill its commitments to grant patent rights or patent licensing agreements under such research contracts.

Sincerely yours,



Clarke Smith, Secretary

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