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Mr. Howard W. Bremer,
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Dear Howard:

With reference to the proposal to NSF prepared by Dr. George G. Olson concerning institutional grants for patents, I cannot support Dr. Olson's approach.

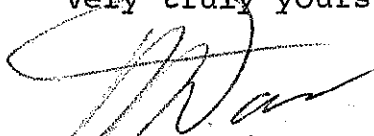
Needless to say, one of the weaker links in technology transfer is getting disclosures from faculty; however, my experience indicates that the approach suggested by Dr. Olson would not be a solution. As you know, NSF supported work under one program concerning reporting of disclosures. I know Research Corporation had a grant. Perhaps their findings would give us a lead on some approach.

I am also concerned that Olson stresses the fact that patent income can create substantial institutional funds. We would hope that this would be the situation but outside of your shop and one or two others, this has not been the case.

Changing the subject - as you know, Congressman Rodino has agreed to introduce the patent bill in the House. I also understand that Edwards from California has agreed to co-sponsor. I talked with Joe Allen a couple of days ago, and he hopes to have the revised draft of the bill completed soon. Perhaps once that is available, SUPA members should be contacting congressional delegations. Should we move as we did with the Senate or what suggestions do you have?

I hope you have a happy holiday season.

Very truly yours,



R. L. Davis, Patent Manager

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