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Dear Howard:

Supplementing Don Banner's letter to me of April 3, of which you have a copy, I wish to add a few comments of my own.

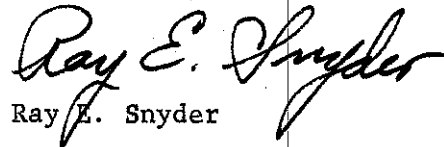
Don raises a good point in that there is much more that can be done to educate our future inventors. (Our charter says we are supposed to be a professional and educational society.) Perhaps we have become so engrossed in matters of administration of patents that we have neglected the opportunity to spread the word internally on the merits of the patent system. Perhaps also we need a speakers' bureau within SUPA to assist those members who feel inadequate to the task.

Over the years I have talked with many groups at the Universities I work for. These have included faculty members as well as students. In some cases engineering fraternities and sometimes only a class in which the professor wanted his students to know a little about patents. I have never turned down an opportunity to address such a group. At the same time I have not sought out such opportunities. Probably you have not either.

I have heard other patent attorneys address such academic groups. Generally their talks dwelt on technicalities of patent prosecutions, and little was said on the meaning of patents to our society. Also, little was made of the tremendous wealth of technical knowledge amassed in our patent files.

We might propose as a goal for SUPA that not another technical student graduate without some exposure to patents. I believe Don's letter should be sent to the SUPA membership and a consensus reply given.

Very truly yours,


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cc. Mr. Donald W. Banner