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Dr. L. Leslie Hamilton  
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Dear Dr. Hamilton:

Mr. Howard Brener has forwarded to me your letter to him of October 4, 1978, and he spoke to me by phone Monday. In particular, he asked me to speak in his place at your meeting on December 5 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel. I am pleased to accept this opportunity.

Howard and other members of SUPA have worked very hard to convince the various government agencies that sponsor research at the universities that their patent policies are counter-productive. With the assistance of some of our friends, we have succeeded recently in having introduced the Dole-Bayh Bill which covers the Small Business Nonprofit Organization Patent Procedures Act of 1978. We hope that the passage of this Act will enable the universities to deal more effectively with companies such as your members in order to bring the fruits of their research out of their laboratories and into the channels of commerce.

If time permits, I should also like to explain a little more about the objectives and aspirations of SUPA so that hopefully we can find a basis for cooperation and mutual benefit in the future. If there is anything more I need to know prior to the meeting, please let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

*Ray E. Snyder*  
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P.S. By way of introduction, I am a trustee of SUPA; I am also a partner in the Patent Law firm of Dulin, Thienpont, Potthast & Snyder; and I am a patent licensing consultant to the University of Missouri and Northwestern University.

cc:Howard Bremer ✓  
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