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Dr. L. Leslie Hamilton
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Dear Dr. Hamilton:

Pursuant to your letter of instructions I enclose herewith the following materials which relate to my talk scheduled for December 5. These include:

- 1) a resume of my background,
- 2) an abstract of my talk,
- 3) a fairly recent photograph, and
- 4) a copy of the Dole-Bayh Bill which I clipped from the Congressional Record.

If you have access to better copies of this from another source to give to your members, that probably would be desirable.

I have already prepared my talk and I am having it typed. I intend it more as an outline rather than an exact statement to be read. I shall be pleased to send you a copy of this as soon as it is ready.

In the interim if you have any questions or comments, please let me hear from you. I shall look forward to seeing you on the evening of December 4.

Very truly yours,

Ray E. Snyder
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cc:Howard Bremer, Esq.
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ABSTRACT

The universities of this country collectively conduct research amounting to several billion dollars annually. Much, if not most of this research, is sponsored by one or more agencies of the federal government. One condition usually attached to a grant or contract made with a university is that the federal government can claim title to any inventions that evolve from such research. Over the past fifteen years or so the federal government has accumulated some 30,000 patents in this manner. Less than 5% of these patents are licensed to anyone. Even these figures are misleading inasmuch as the only license in many cases is a license back to the inventor to use his own invention.

There have been some attempts to ease up on this practice of taking title. Two presidents have tried with almost negligible success. The recently introduced bill by Senators Dole and Bayh entitled "Small Business Non-Profit Organization Patent Procedures Act" is intended to allow such institutions greater freedom in handling their own inventions. It is believed that this bill represents a major step forward in allowing the innovative and free economy forces of our country to work.