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Mr. Paul R. Keenan University of Missouri 418 Clark Hall Columbia, MO 65201.

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of a response I received from the Department of the Interior on my request for greater rights in the Stampfer and Hitchcock invention on ISOTOPE ENRICHMENT BY BUBBLE SEPARATION. After reading it over I am sure you will know what President Carter means about "unintelligible legalese".

The gist of the argument is that they claim to own it and we can petition for foreign rights or we can falk for reconsideration if we can show additional facts. Please let me have your thoughts on this matter and I will ask Dr Stampfer and Mr. Hitchcock to do the same.

Very truly yours,

RES: AH encls.

Ray E. Snyder

cc. Dr. Joseph F. Stampfer w/encl. Mr. William S. Hitchcock w/encl.