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Dear Val:

I am not a compulsive writer of letters to the Editor; however, I do want to commend the stand you have taken in reporting on the firing of Norm Latker. No group was more aware of the services that he performed than the University community. We shall sorely miss him.

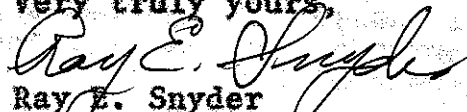
He was one of the few people who really understood what the patent system is and how it can be used as an instrument for advancing technological progress in our society. As you also know, on various occasions I have harangued on the general attitude of the Government agencies and the patent policies they have promulgated - probably to the point of sounding like a broken record. On numerous occasions I have tried to explain to our Senators and Congressmen that the effect of such policies has been detrimental to the country as a whole. (A copy of a recent such letter is enclosed.)

I have also repeatedly questioned members of the various agencies as to why they would pursue such policies that are so clearly wrong. A friend of mine who is also knowledgeable in such matters said that the problem probably was with me. He said I may be wrong in assuming that the people within the Government are sincerely interested in fostering a free enterprise form of government. He was of the opinion that there is scant evidence to support the notion that they are. On further reflection, I have to agree with him.

I believe that the actions of Mr. Califano represent an all too typical, vindictive, and dangerous attitude on behalf of our governmental leaders.

Please keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,


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cc: N. Latker
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