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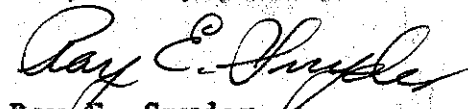
Dear Mr. Railsback:

Thank you for your letter of February 27 in response to my earlier letter regarding the "University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act". I was extremely pleased with the courtesy of your response, and with your demonstrated depth of knowledge of the problems involved.

Your comments regarding the German system of employee inventor rights also came as an unexpected surprise. In years past, the U.S. patent system has been regarded as a model for the rest of the world, but that does not mean that it cannot be further improved. In this connection, I enclose a copy of some comments I sent to Senator Birch Bayh regarding the provisions of the University and Small Business bill. I believe these comments are germane to your statements regarding the German system.

Thank you again for your continued interest and support. Patents are not a subject that is likely to evoke a great deal of voter sympathy. However, all of us are affected by how these matters are handled. If we are to maintain our relatively high standard of living with respect to the rest of the world, we must strive to maintain our technological superiority. This requires that we muster all of the innovative and entrepreneurial resources at our disposal.

Very truly yours,

  
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