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Dr. Earl J. Freise Assistant Director Office of Research & Sponsored Programs Northwestern Univ. Evanston, Ill. 60201 The Honorable Gaylord Nelson Chairman Select Committee on Small Business United States Senate Room 424 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

It has come to our attention that your Subcommittee on Monopoly and Anticompetitive Activities is planning hearings in December on the subject of government patent policy which we understand will include the treatment of patentable inventions in Government grants and contracts. The Society of University Patent Administrators is deeply interested in this subject and I have offered to testify at your hearings. Your Mr. Gordon has advised me, however, that such testimony would not be appropriate to the December hearings since these are to be confined to Government agencies having no direct interest in grants and contracts.

I would, however, ask for the opportunity to testify at later hearings which Mr. Gordon tells me will be held. For the record also I am enclosing two copies of my testimony on September 23, 1976 before the House Subcommittee on Domestic and International Scientific Planning and Analysis, as well as two copies of my letter of June 10, 1977 to Representative Thornton with regard to HR6249 (now HR8596 without substantive change).

Your consideration of the views of our Society will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond J. Woodrow

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