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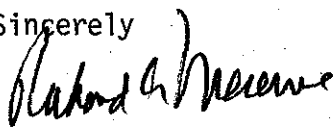
Dear Mr. Bremer:

Dr. Press asked me to respond to your letter of November 9, concerning the President's initiatives for industrial innovation.

We are most pleased that you have responded so warmly to the President's patent initiatives. As I am sure you know, the President intends to seek a uniform government patent policy that would allow industry an exclusive license in fields of use that they choose to commercialize. This new policy would also allow small businesses and universities to retain patent ownership. We believe that these actions will provide a needed incentive to assure that inventions arising from Federal sponsorship are commercialized.

You asked in your letter whether the Administration supports the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act, S.414, and its companion bill, H.R.2414. Although the Administration obviously supports the prime thrust of this legislation, we have not taken a position in support of these bills. We believe it is desirable to establish a government patent policy in a simple piece of legislation. Thus, it is our intention to support comprehensive legislation, of which university patents would be one part. We hope we can count on your support for such a bill.

Sincerely



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