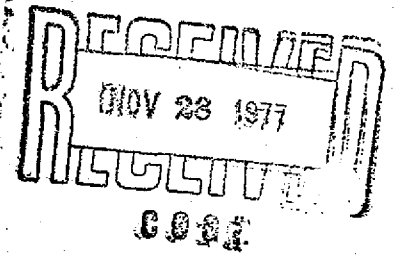


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

November 21, 1977



Dear Mr. Scurlock:

I have been asked to respond to your November 17, 1977 letter to Dr. Press regarding the Thornton Bill.

OSTP is currently working with the staffs of the office of Management and Budget and the Domestic Council discussing federal patent policy and the Thornton Bill as it relates to innovation and commercialization.

Thank you for your expression of support and interest. It will be considered the discussion currently under way.

Sincerely,

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