



April 30, 1974

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Dear Jesse:

Subject: Amendment to Institutional Patent Agreement

We have reviewed the proposed amendments to the IPA which you listed in your letter to me dated March 27. We raised two questions as follows:

1. At the top of page 2 in relation to showing that a bona fide effort was made without success to interest other organizations in licensing, i.e., other than the inventors or other parties in interest, what would be the time frame for such efforts if in fact the inventors were "ready" to go and that it appears the public interest would best be served by getting the apparatus into the market quickly?
2. On page 2 under item 6, if the second sentence of VIII.g is deleted, what duty is there to keep the application alive in the Patent Office if the Foundation does not respond to the University's offer to transfer its rights.

Sincerely,

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Associate Vice President

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cc: Howard Bremer