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Dear Howard:

In line with our telephone conversation of October 1, 1979, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the new June 1979 American Heart Association patent policy which limits the amount of royalties payable to university inventors and also provides for a portion of royalties to go back to the American Heart Association.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter of July 31, 1979 to American Heart Association's patent counsel, in which we indicate the nonacceptability of their new policy.

I still have not had a substantive discussion with American Heart Association counsel, but expect to have that in the near future.

In the meantime, I believe that the Society of University Patent Administrators might wish to address the issues involved, particularly with respect to the precedent of non profit organizations limiting the amount of royalties that can go to inventors and universities, and also to the matter of repayment of royalty income to the sponsor.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Roger G. Ditzel
Patent Administrator

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