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RE: Proposed Bill for a uniform federal
patent policy

Dear Howard:

Pursuant to your letter of July 6 regarding the subject above-mentioned, I wish to make the following comments:

1. In Item 3 (c) (5), last line: should the word "and" be replaced by the word "as"?
2. In Item 3 (c) (6), does this mean that a university could not assign the rights to an invention directly to a manufacturer? Alternatively, in line 4 where reference is made to "an organization", could this organization be simply the patent office associated with the university?

Owing to the fact that most universities do not have a distinct corporate entity to treat patents, this clause may oblige all such universities to funnel their inventions through one of the standard patent agencies, such as Research Corporation, Battelle, etc.

Although, I have no objection to such a procedure, is this what the universities want?

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3. In Item 3 (c) (9), I would suggest that the last line be changed to read: "... be utilized for the support of education or scientific research and development".

"Scientific research" has a rather esoteric ring and it may prevent the university from using the revenues to carry out the more mundane, albeit important, task of scientific development.

Trusting that these comments may be helpful and wishing you all success with this important Bill, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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