



February 1, 1979

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Dear Pieter:

When we talked at the MERRA meeting on the 17th, I promised to send you some information about the movement afoot in the Congress to allow universities to retain patent rights to inventions made on projects funded by the federal government--provided, of course, that they are willing to invest in attempts at commercialization.

The enclosed material is in fulfillment of that promise. Note from Senator Bayh's letter of January 23rd that the 1979 version will be introduced simultaneously in House and Senate.

I sincerely hope that you and Wayne State U. concur in the need for this legislation (which will cut out several miles of red tape that we wade through on contracts and grants), and that you will actively encourage your duly elected representatives (and senators) to support it. Representative Conyers is still on the Judiciary Committee, I believe; his efforts on behalf of the bill would be of great help.

Let me know if I can provide anything else. I'm anxious to see this legislation enacted in 1979!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Evans".

Thomas P. Evans  
Director of Research

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