

November 12, 1967

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Dear E. B.:

One thing that stood out at our meeting last Saturday morning in your office was the fact that I think it is up to the Foundation to supply the University Administration more information on our patent licensing activities--why we try to get patents in the first place, what we do with the patents when we get them, the many difficult and specialized problems encountered in the field of invention development, etc. Heretofore we have operated on the assumption that the Administration's main interest was in results, not in how those results were achieved.

As a start along this line, I am enclosing two things as follows (and copies of each of these enclosures are going to the recipients of copies of this letter noted below):

1. An agenda for a patent symposium at which our Foundation was host on October 1 and 2, 1967, here in Madison, attended by representatives of several other nonprofit patent management groups noted in the agenda. This symposium was the first undertaking of its kind ever held among such groups. The agenda gives you an idea of the type of mutual problem all such groups as ours face daily, and which problems were reviewed and discussed during the symposium.
2. Copy of report prepared by Dr. Archie Palmer for the Senate Subcommittee on Patents, entitled "Patents and Nonprofit Research." The copy is marked with references therein to the activities of WARF.

I urge that you and recipients of copies of this letter read the enclosed carefully at your convenience, and I am sure you will find much material of interest.

Dr. E. H. Fred

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Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

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