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Mr. S. Blake Yates,
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Dear Blake:

Re: NIH

As you are aware, Bill Hendrickson and I on behalf of WARF spent about three years of fruitless effort trying to work out a deal with the Surgeon General, through Miss Parent, whereby inventions made at the U. of W. by inventors working on NIH funds could be assigned by the inventor, if he chose, to WARF. We have discussed our efforts in this regard with you from time to time and you have always been most helpful to us.

Early this summer we decided to adopt a new approach and suggested that the University take up the cudgel on this matter. The University was perfectly willing to make the attempt. Accordingly, we worked with the University authorities in preparing a presentation to the NIH. This presentation was made in a letter from President Elvehjem to the NIH, dated August 24, 1961. A copy of President Elvehjem's letter and enclosures accompanies this letter. Also, a copy of Miss Parent's stalling reply of August 30, 1961, is enclosed.

I will much appreciate your reading over the enclosed material and giving me your comments. Obviously there is going to be a great deal of further delay in this matter and, frankly, I am not very optimistic about ever accomplishing much. Anyway, I would appreciate your observations at your convenience.

Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Ward Ross,
Managing Director

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