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Dear Blake:

Thanks much for your letters of January 28 and January 30. Bill and I certainly enjoyed our session with you in New York at breakfast last Thursday. You were very helpful to us and it is always good to visit with you.

We are all delighted that Research Corporation wants to sponsor a repeat symposium on patents this year. We are glad that you think the symposium we sponsored in 1957 here was valuable and worth repeating in 1959.

Either of the alternative dates suggested - September 30-October 1 or October 7-8 - is O. K. with us. Just give us notice of when you settle on the dates and we will plan to be there.

As to who should attend the conference, the only suggestion I have in addition to those who attended in 1957 is the University of Illinois Foundation group, who were invited in 1957 but could not attend. The two invited, as I think your records show, were Mr. James Colvin, Secretary, University of Illinois Foundation, Urbana, Illinois, and Mr. Charles J. Merriam of Merriam & Lorch, 141 W. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Merriam is counsel for the University of Illinois Foundation.

We discussed with you at breakfast last Thursday possible additions to the group and we agreed that there should be none. If we have further ideas on such additions, we will let you know in plenty of time to invite them if you concur.

Your letter of January 30, dealing with the N. I. H. situation and written pursuant to your promise of last Thursday, is fine and, I am sure, will be of help in guiding us. You may rest assured that Bill and I will

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use our discretion in referring either to Research Corporation or Princeton University in our future negotiations. We will be glad to keep you posted on progress we make because I am sure you will be interested.

Please give our best regards to Bill Hinkley and tell him we are sorry he could not join us last Thursday.

Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

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