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Dean W. A. Zimmerman  
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Dear Dean Zimmerman:

For a number of years prior to his death in late May of this year, Mr. L. D. Dibble of McLean & Dibble, Washington, handled a good deal of patent work for our Foundation. In recent years, we, as well as the University of Wisconsin, have frequently been confronted with problems of claims by the Federal Government to ownership of inventions developed at the University of Wisconsin where federal funds were used in whole or in part. Both the University and WARF have over the past several years had considerable dealings with the office of the Surgeon General regarding these problems.

Last year in the course of discussions with Mr. Dibble, he told us of a submission made by your Medical School, I believe, sometime last October with reference to an invention made by Dr. Greer of your faculty in the field of extraction of progoltrin. As I understand it, the University, in its request for determination, sought to acquire ownership of the invention and then to license a pharmaceutical firm, Lloyd Brothers of Cincinnati. Mr. Dibble's participation in this matter arose, I believe, through his representation of the Lloyd Brothers firm.

I should like very much to know whether the Surgeon General has acted upon your request for a determination and if so, what determination has been made in this case. Our interest is merely on the basis of keeping abreast of policies of the Surgeon General in respect to license terms and conditions that will be approved, length of exclusive license periods that will be allowed, etc. We have no interest whatever in the subject matter of your invention in this case, but merely in the attitude of the Surgeon General as expressed in any determination.

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Any information you are in a position to give us will be very much appreciated both by our Foundation and by the University of Wisconsin.

In the event you have received no word from the Surgeon General in response to your request of last October, perhaps it might not be too much of a burden for you to advise us later if and when your request is acted upon.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Ward Ross,  
Managing Director

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