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Mr. Herschel F. Clesner  
Inventions Co-ordinator  
Department of Health, Education  
and Welfare  
Public Health Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clesner:

I submit herewith a report on Patent #3,119,738 entitled "Medication for Ruminants," taken out by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation in the name of Professor R. E. Nichols. This patent covers a medication for ruminants of special value in treating bloat. It is also useful in treating certain other digestive disorders of cattle and sheep. The patent claims are set forth in the attached statement. (See Exhibit A). The research leading to this discovery has been carried on by Professor Nichols since 1954 in co-operation with the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and the Agricultural Experimental Station and, so far as I can ascertain, has not involved a single dollar of Public Health money.

From September 1958 through December 1962 a different research project dealing with stress and infection in shipping fever in cattle, supported by NIH funds has been carried on under the direction of Professor Nichols. Professor Nichols and his administrative superiors have been cognizant at all times of their obligation to the Public Health Service with respect to any invention which may have been made in connection with this NIH grant and the University is entirely satisfied that every proper precaution has been taken to keep these two research projects separate and to scrupulously fulfill the obligation undertaken to the Public Health Service. The research plan for the shipping fever study suggests quite clearly that there is no significant relationship between the two projects. At no time during this entire period has Professor Nichols received any salary from NIH funds nor has he authorized nor expended any NIH funds on the research program dealing with digestive disorders.

On behalf of the University I therefore state that the most careful review of the transactions and programs of the research undertaken

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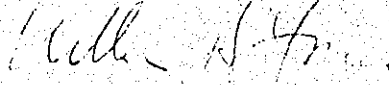
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under the direction of Professor Nichols indicates that we have not been derelict in fulfilling our obligations to the Public Health Service.

Please be assured that if any further information on this subject is desired, we shall be pleased to co-operate in providing it.

Sincerely yours,

  
William H. Young  
Adviser to the President

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Enc. Exhibit A