

February 14, 1964

Miss Katherine Parent
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Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Miss Parent:

Enclosed please find Invention Report of Professors Robert West and Stephen W. Tohey together with reprints of the publications described therein. You will perhaps recall that this is the case we discussed with Doctor Fries on the occasion of my recent visit to Washington. Pursuant to that conversation and consistent with the proposal made by the inventors, I hereby request on behalf of the University of Wisconsin permission for the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation to apply for a patent on the compound described. It is our understanding that if a patent should issue the ultimate disposition of the rights to be acquired would be subject to the determination of the Surgeon General.

You will recall that we have only to April 1, 1964 to file for patent on this compound, since disclosure was made by publication on April 1, 1963. A prompt reply is therefore urgently requested.

As soon as feasible, the University and WARF will submit for your consideration a development statement proposing a disposition of the patent and patent rights which may hereafter be acquired.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Young
Adviser to the President

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cc: President F. H. Harrington
Vice President Robert Clodius
Vice President A. W. Peterson
Professor Robert West
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Attention

Gentlemen:

Re: West and Tobey Invention
Tetrachlorocyclopropene

The above invention was recently brought to the attention of the Surgeon General's office because one of the co-inventors, S. W. Tobey, was the holder of a National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship No. 5-F1-GE-7605-03 during the period in which the invention was made. In reporting the invention to the Surgeon General on December 27, 1963, the co-inventors have indicated a desire to assign the rights to the invention to the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Public disclosure of the invention was made in a paper given at a meeting of the American Chemical Society on April 1, 1963. Consequently, prompt action in the way of a determination from the Surgeon General's office would be required in order to prevent the statutory bar running prior to filing of a patent application. In view of the short time remaining before a statutory bar becomes effective, it is requested that the Surgeon General allow the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation to promptly file a patent application on the invention with the understanding that the ultimate disposition of the patent application and the invention will be subject to the determination of the Surgeon General's office.

In order to better document this request, we are enclosing a copy of the co-inventors report to the office of the Surgeon General and copies of two papers which describe the invention.

Very truly yours,