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March 17, 1959

Mr. C. C. DeLong
Bursar
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. DeLong:

A few weeks ago, Mr. Ward Ross, Managing Director of this Foundation, contacted Mr. James Colvin of the Illinois Foundation to discuss a mutual problem relating to the ownership of inventions which result from various sponsors of work in the University. The particular subject discussed at that time was the N.I.H. which is sponsoring a substantial amount of research here at Wisconsin and in many other universities throughout the United States.

As a result of that 'phone conversation, you were apparently contacted and asked to send to Mr. Ross a copy of your policy statement with respect to such inventions. When Mr. Ross received this material from you he turned it over to me. I now realize that, unfortunately, the receipt of your letter was never acknowledged for which I am very sorry and apologize to you for this inadvertent oversight.

As your secretary probably told you, in view of our further consideration of this subject recently with our Trustees, we thought that it would be very helpful to have a copy of the letter agreement which was entered into between Illinois and the N.I.H. and it is for this reason that I tried to contact you and, in your absence from the office, talked to your secretary. She sent a copy of this letter to me which is very much appreciated.

The University of Wisconsin has never entered into a similar agreement with the N.I.H. We are hopeful, however, that the University will soon enter into a general relationship of the type you have so that, in the future, inventors will be free to assign their inventions to the Foundation, if they choose to do so, and we will be able to handle such inventions on a routine basis.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated. If we can ever reciprocate, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Wm. G. Hendrickson
Director
Licensing Division

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