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MEMORANDUM FOR (See Below) *File*

SUBJECT: S. 65 and H. R. 695, the "Federal Laboratory
Technology Utilization Act of 1985"

The IPO's opposition to royalty sharing with Federal employees inherently extends to the same principle we worked so hard to establish for universities in P. L. 96-517. In fact, the arguments used by IPO are an echo of those used against P. L. 96-517. While Commerce has endorsed S. 65, notwithstanding the IPO position, it is disconcerting that an organization proponent to support innovation would rule out an incentive to innovation, which we know most inventors find an acceptable substitute to owning their inventions.

More important is the fact that IPO implies by listing universities, small business and individuals as IPO members that these groups are in sympathy with this view. I will keep you informed on this matter since it seems necessary for the research community to keep in public view the principles that nurture the university-industry interface.


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