

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Honorable Caldwell Butler
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Caldwell:

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I understand that Congressman Rodino will soon sponsor legislation in the House to give universities title to inventions which result from research sponsored by the Federal government. The University of Virginia supports this concept and we hope that you will consider co-sponsoring the legislation.

Senators Bayh and Dole have already introduced the same bill (S 414) in the Senate; S 414 is essentially the same as S 3496, which they sponsored late last session.

We believe that this legislation should be supported because:

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The legislation will help assure that the University can contribute to making the results of our Government-funded research available to the public in a useful form and a timely manner;

The potential to license Government-funded inventions helps us to develop linkages with industry which transfer technology as well as lead to support for our research;

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The University has a well-developed capacity to take responsibility for technology transfer through the University of Virginia Alumni Patents Foundation.

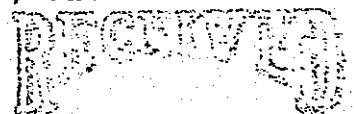
We would appreciate any support that you can give.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Hereford, Jr.
 President

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