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Dr. Betsy Ancker-Johnson, Chairman
Committee on Government Patent Policy, FCST
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Dr. Ancker-Johnson:

I have received your letter dated August 20, 1976 transmitting to the Office of Science and Technology Policy the package regarding the draft bill entitled "Federal Intellectual Property Policy Act of 1976." We are proceeding with a careful review of this package in coordination with the Office of Management and Budget.

I have followed the evolution of the drafting of this proposed Administration omnibus bill during the last year as various iterations of the draft have been circulated by your Executive Committee to members and staff observers of your Committee and to the members of the Federal Council, and I have been pleased with the progress that has been made in dialogue on what I believe could be important legislation from the standpoint of science and technology. As you suggested, in parallel with consideration of this package by my office, OMB, and the relevant agency heads, we are also circulating this package once more to the members of the Federal Council for Science and Technology (the member designees for the new Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering and Technology are still not all identified).

I will advise you of the outcome of our review as soon as we have completed it. As we discussed, I would anticipate that I would be called upon to assist in the legislative process as this bill goes forward from the Administration.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. Guyford Stever

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Director