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Dear Niels:

Thank you for your letter of March 20 concerning possible changes in the Department's patent policies. I apologize for the delay in responding.

A review of the patent policies of the Department is currently underway at the direction of the Secretary. However, no decisions have yet been made to make any changes in those policies. The objective of our patent policies is to assure that Department funded inventions are used in a way that provides maximum benefits to the public. The issue is whether the current policies are the best way to pursue that objective.

I appreciate having your views on the subject and they will be taken into consideration in the course of our review.

Sincerely,

7s/ Hale Champion
Hale Champion