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Dear Mr. MacCordy:

I am in receipt of a copy of the letter which you recently sent to Senator Nelson concerning the ownership of patent rights resulting from government sponsored research.

You may rest assured that in my capacity as ranking minority member, I will take all steps necessary to ensure that advocates of both sides of the federal patent policy issue will have a chance to appear at future hearings of the Monopoly Subcommittee of the Small Business Committee. It is important that organizations such as yours, which enter into institutional patent agreements with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, have an opportunity to testify as to the consequences which will result from changes in the federal government's patent policy.

sincerely,

With warmest regards,

Lowell Weicker,

United States Senator

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