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The Honorable Sam Nunn  
United States Senate  
110 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sam:

We were pleased with the more reasonable hearings conducted by Senator Nelson on Monday and Tuesday of this week with regard to the GSA regulation permitting the use of institutional patent agreements between the federal agencies and universities as a basis of handling innovations growing out of research sponsored partially by federal funding. It was announced that three days of additional hearings will be scheduled in June, and we ask your assistance in assuring the universities their fair share of witnesses at that time.

Also, we will appreciate knowing of any report the Committee decides to issue on the subject, and if it is unfavorable to the GSA regulation we hope you will let us help prepare a dissenting report for you.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter dealing with the regulation written by Senator Bayh, an editorial by Dr. Betsy Ancker-Johnson (former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology) on the overall matter of governmental patent policies, and an article from last Sunday's *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* about our declining lead in technology development. All of these point to the need for a productive governmental patent policy.

Please give us your continued support in achieving one.

With personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially,

Robert C. Anderson  
Vice President

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