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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding hearings of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business on the subject of the federal government's patent policies. Cheryl Davis of my staff has also informed me of her recent telephone conversation with you on this subject.

As you know, these hearings were held on December 19, 20, and 21, chaired by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Chairman of the full Committee. While I can appreciate your concerns with the manner in which the hearings have been arranged I would note that the Small Business Committee has been interested in this subject for some time, with hearings having been held as far back as 1959. These current hearings are the initial stage of an extensive study to be conducted by Senator Nelson's Subcommittee on Monopoly over the next two years, and I am therefore hopeful that there will be adequate opportunity for all sides of this issue to be properly heard.

I am enclosing a copy of the witness list for these first hearings, as well as a copy of Senator Nelson's press release explaining his views on the subject. My staff has also discussed this matter with the Committee staff, and if you should have any further problems in obtaining information, please let me know. I will be pleased to provide whatever assistance is necessary.

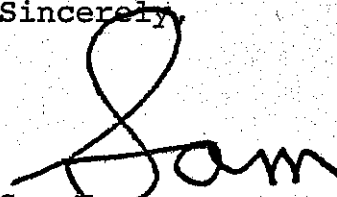
Bob, I appreciate the importance of this subject to the University of Georgia, and you may be sure that I will follow these hearings very closely to ensure that all sides have an

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equal opportunity to have their views known. I will also be sure to remember your strong support of H. R. 8596 should it reach the Senate.

Please contact me again if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

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