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MAILGRAM SENT ON DECEMBER 20, 1977 TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MONOPOLY
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Before Senate Monopoly Subcommittee attempts to scuttle H.R.6249, suggest it review dismal record of Government in bringing patented discoveries into public use. Less than 2% of approximately 30,000 government patents since World War II have been utilized. Public benefit from those past hundreds of billions in Federal research dollars is not the right of the Government in all those paper patents resting in agency portfolios. Public benefit is the ability of the citizenry to enjoy the fruits of the research it pays for through taxes.

The limited-term monopoly a patent provides is protection indispensably required by small and medium size companies to justify financial decisions to develop new products. Title-in-the-Government patent policies inhibit the operation of the incentive system that made our country economically strong. The rapid closing of the technology gaps by other nations, our inability to reduce unemployment levels, and our rising balance-of-payments deficits are the fruits and reflect the bankruptcy of the policies on patents that have been espoused by title-in-the-government advocates for many years.

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