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GENERAL COUNSEL

TO: Holders of HEW Institutional Patent Agreements and
Members of the Society of University Patent Administrators

SUBJECT: Information Item No. 62

Enclosed are several items regarding the issuance of the GSA Institutional Patent Regulations provided to you in Information Item No. 61.

As a result of the letters from Mr. Nader and Senator Nelson, the Regulations have been stayed by the March 22, 1978 letter from Mr. Fettig.

You should note from Mr. Fettig's letter that no agency is to take any action to effect changes in the agency's immediate past practices. Accordingly, for the time being, I would presume that HEW's IPA policy is to remain in place. However, the review alluded to by Mr. Fettig does not guarantee that the GSA regulations or the HEW regulations on IPA's will be reinstated or continued after the 120 days.

If you should have any question about this matter, please contact this office at (301) 496-7735 or 496-7056.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures