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Mr. Raymond J. Woodrow
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Dear Mr. Woodrow:

Thank you for your letter of February 11 regarding several issues concerning patent matters and other issues in the transfer of technological information to the scientific community.

The translation of technological information for use within the scientific community has been of considerable concern to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for many years. At this time we are in the process of formulating plans which, if carried out, have the potential for making new findings which emanate from NIH grant and contract supported programs rapidly available to the scientific community. Also, as you are probably well aware, NIH has long supported the concept of the institutional patent agreement and has been constantly urging the extension of these agreements to as many institutions and organizations as possible. We recognize, however, that there is much more to be undertaken in these areas.

As a more specific response to your letter, I have asked Dr. Thomas E. Malone, Associate Director for Extramural Research and Training, NIH, and Dr. Leon Jacobs, Associate Director for Collaborative Research, NIH, to review with the appropriate officers in the Department and NIH the issues raised in your letter. I am sure that their review will provide you with substantive information which will be of value to the Society of University Patent Administrators.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

cc: Dr. Malone
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