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TO: Jesse Lasken
Norman Latker

FROM: Will Fornell

SUBJECT: S.3496

Please see letter attached. Mr. Norris is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Control Data Corporation. He is very much interested in two things that are of interest to us; i.e. improved technology transfer and fostering the growth of small business particularly the technically oriented kind. He views that as the way the economy grows. Certainly Control Data is one example.

Mr. Norris is on some advisory groups high in the Federal Government, including the White House. He may be a potential very strong ally for us, from the business viewpoint in obtaining support for an passage of S.3496. Do you have any suggestions as to how we might employ the support he could give us?

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Dear Mr. Norris:

You indicated an interest in the "Small Business and Non-Profit Organization Patent Procedures Act", which I mentioned in my talk at the technology transfer symposium last Thursday.

Enclosed is a draft copy of a late version (9/6/78) of the bill. It was introduced on September 13, 1978 as S.3496. A sectional analysis of the bill, a background paper, and a copy of the September 13 Congressional Record are also enclosed. The latter makes some particularly persuasive arguments relating to our country's decline in technological leadership.

I and a large number of my counterparts in other educational institutions are greatly disturbed by the death-like grasp the Federal government asserts over research results to the detriment of the public utilization of these results and of economic growth in the private sector. If there is any way we can cooperate to achieve common goals, I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,

G. Willard Fornell
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