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FROM : Associate Director for Collaborative Research

SUBJECT: Unsolicited Proposal from Research Corporation

On September 16 I held a meeting with Drs. Robert Ringler and Seymour Perry and Messrs. Norman Latker and Bruce Carson regarding the unsolicited proposal, "Program to Enhance Transfer of Research Results of DHEW Grantees at Educational Institutions," involving an effort to enhance technology utilization vice the patent process. We had before us the unsolicited proposal itself; a critique of the unsolicited proposal from Case Western Reserve University; a paper by Dr. Stetten entitled "The Gap in Technology Transfer," and two papers on technology transfer by F. Stout of Connecticut and Olaf Bergelin, Coordinator of Research at the University of Delaware.

It was generally agreed that the unsolicited proposal from Research Corporation was defective and would have to be enhanced in some way, taking advantage of the critique done by Case Western Reserve. It was also generally agreed that Research Corporation has a unique situation in regard to advancement of patent activities in research institutions and the management of patents, so that they should be considered for any effort undertaken by the NIH in technology transfer. There was a consensus also that if we are to engage in any activities like this with Research Corporation, it ought to be on a cost-sharing basis, because Research Corporation stands to profit from any heightened awareness of patents on the part of university investigators.

Questions were raised as to whether or not we should seek by means of an RFP or an RFA to find other performers for work of this nature. This was left undecided at present.

The action item which resulted from this meeting was that we ought to discuss Research Corporation's performance with the current sponsors who are the National Science Foundation and the Experimental Technology Incentive Program (ETIP) of the Bureau of Standards. I will undertake, as soon as possible, to set up a meeting with the people involved in those organizations and ask them to bring with them written material such as the information sheets which Research Corporation has provided and any write-ups of their seminars and case histories.

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