These documents are related to the re-introduction of the legislation in the 96th Congress (1979-1980). The bill is now introduced by Senator Bayh with Senator Dole as the main co-sponsor.

You will see a letter we received from General Electric. They were concerned that since our bill was limited to universities and small companies that some might interpret that as a signal the Congress was opposed to the administrative policies of the Dept of Defense under which prime contractors could receive waivers for patent ownership. We included language saying that our bill was not intended to repeal these policies.

You will also see my staffing memo to Sen. Bayh about our first hearing on the bill and our strategy to avoid the pitfalls that previous federal patent policies had fatally fallen into.