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Honorable David Stockman, Director
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Dear Director Stockman:

Last year, Congress passed Public Law 96-517, the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act. This measure was intended to reduce the various regulations and guidelines used by Federal agencies to award government grants and contracts. Instead of some 26 different sets of procedures, S.414 sought to create one set of regulations that would be used by all Federal agencies that provide research assistance to small businesses and universities.

The Act authorizes the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to issue the implementing regulations. It is my understanding that an interagency task force has begun drafting these regulations and that much of the original intent of the University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act is being ignored or written out of the guidelines.

I would appreciate, at your earliest convenience, a report on the status of these regulations and their conformity to P.L. 96-517.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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