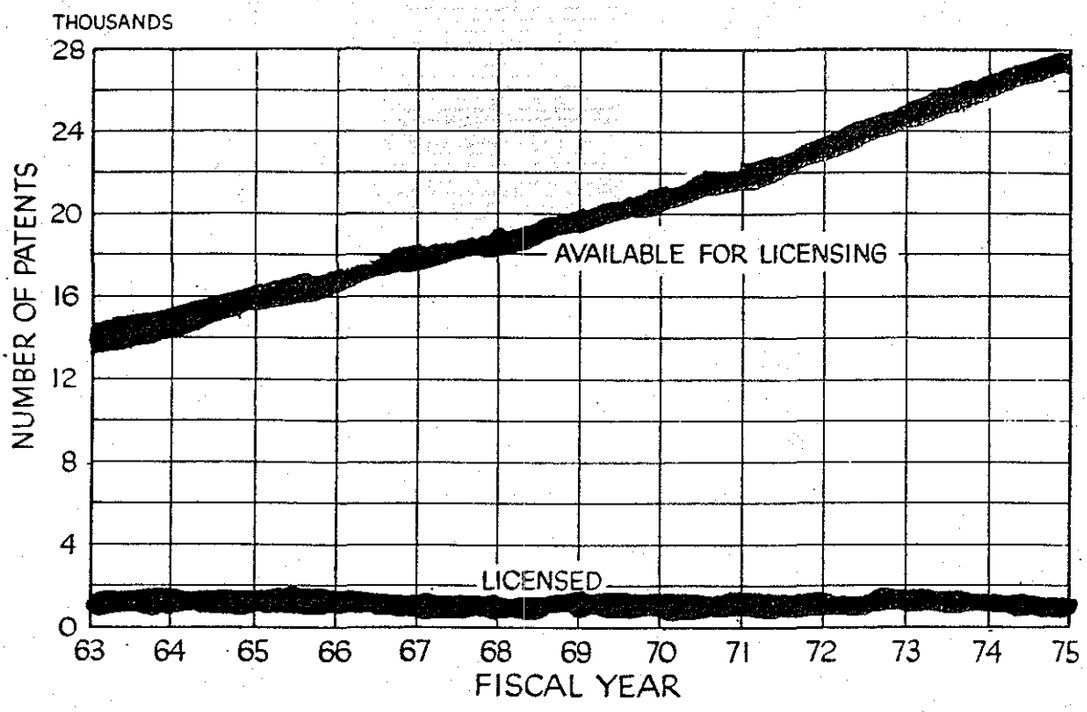
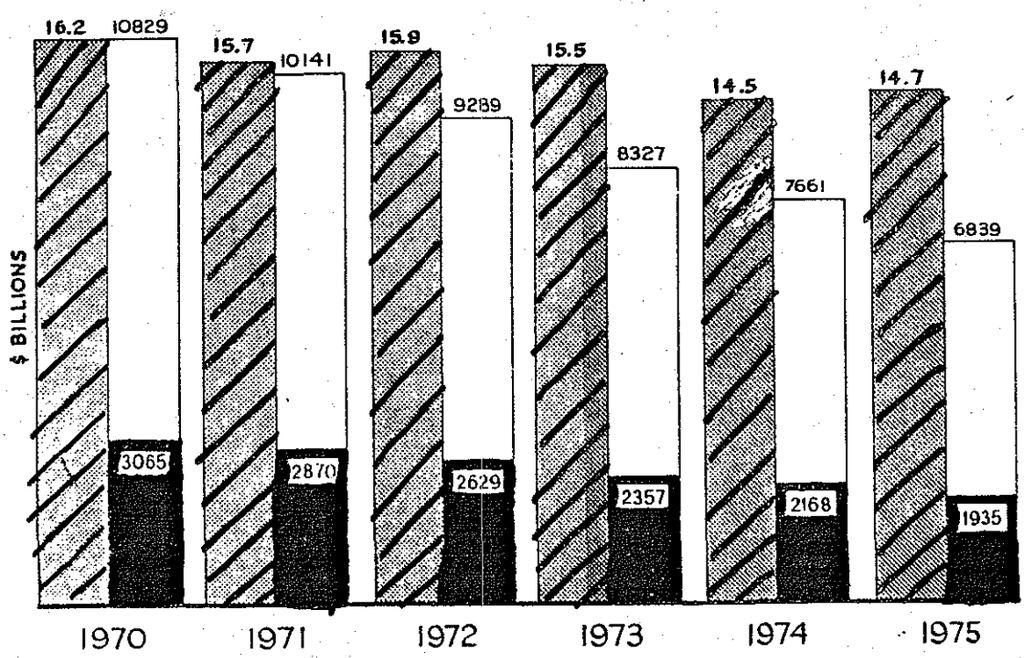
GOVERNMENT OWNED PATENTS



While the number of government patents available for licensing has increased, the percentage of those actually licensed has remained below 5 percent. Universities are estimated to license 33 percent of their patents.

INVENTION DISCLOSURES AND PATENTS RESULTING FROM FEDERALLY FUNDED R&D 1970-75



The number of patents arising out of federally funded research has been in a steady decline. Even in 1975 when research expenditures actually increased over the previous year, the number of patents filed continued to decline.

(Source: *Testimony of Dr. Betsy Ancker-Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of Science and Technology, Department of Commerce before the House Subcommittee on Domestic and International Scientific Planning and Analysis, October 1, 1976.*)