UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

I extend to you and to the scientific and engineering faculty members and the senior and graduate students an invitation to participate in our Tenth Annual one-day Briefing Conference to be held at the Patent and Trademark Office, Arlington, Virginia on Friday, March 11, 1977. The Patent Office Society is a co-sponsor and active participant in this program.

The primary purpose of the conference is to present to the academic community the Patent and Trademark Office operation under the American Patent System and its contributions to the world, and how Patent and Trademark resources may be more fully utilized for classroom purposes and for students completing their education prior to entering industry or research institutions. The 1977 program will highlight aspects of the Patent System which have an impact on our economy and the free enterprise system.

The Briefing Conference consists of two sessions. The morning program will include coverage of Patent operations and procedures in depth by Patent and Trademark Officials and presentations on the Patent System from the viewpoint of the business and scientific communities by a prominent inventor and an industry representative. In the afternoon, participants will tour the office and receive specialized on-the-job briefings by senior professionals in the chemical, electrical, and mechanical patent examining operations. The focus will be directed to special problems and techniques unique to particular areas of technology based on the interest of each participant.

Please call this letter to the attention of all department heads. Participants should make arrangements for their travel and lodging. Information on facilities will be furnished upon request. The attached flyer is being made available for posting.

Would you kindly advise us as soon as possible, but no later than February 14, 1977 as to the number of persons from your school who will be attending this program.

Sincerely yours,

C. Marshall Dann

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