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Dear Don:

As we agreed on the phone, we should set up an informal meeting to discuss the question of a formal statement on patent policy. I would like to have Vice Presidents Clodius and Peterson and Professor William Young join me for this meeting with you and Ward Rose and whomever else you desire to have present.

Before that meeting I would like to have you chat with Bill Young on this matter. Bill has been working closely and harmoniously with Ward Rose on the whole range of patent questions. In these discussions Bill has been on special assignment from my office, working for me and for Bob Clodius and Pete. Bill will be able to bring you up to date on University thinking on this, just as Ward doubtless has brought you up to date on WARF staff thinking.

I understand that Bill has now arranged to meet with you and discuss the whole matter. After the conference, and after we have had our informal meeting on this matter, we will be glad to meet with the WARF directors concerning it. It is clear that we will not have this in hand in time for the May meeting; and in any case that meeting is on budget rather than on this matter. Besides I had not planned to be at that meeting, since Alberty can handle the budget business better than I. But a later Trustees meeting, with plenty of time for discussion, will give us a chance to go into matters adequately.

Our desire of course is to stay in the patent business, and to have WARF be our agent in the future as in the past. We have run into this matter of federal government rights and are determined to see this through and to get and develop patents in the future. Some have sounded notes of discouragement, and have said that there can be no patents in the future, or certainly none when there is an odd mixture of federal funds. Perhaps this is so; but we think not, and in any case want to try. I have been spending quite a bit of time on this myself at fairly high government levels and am willing to spend more time and go higher. Bob Clodius and Bill Young and Al Peterson have been working on it also, Bill in particular giving it a good share of his time. Knowing as we do how much patent income has meant to the University through the WARF grant, we feel we must work hard to see to it that this avenue of support remains open or is opened again.

Cordially,

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