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MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard Bremer

FROM: Harry Peterson

As you know the Chancellor wrote a letter to Bob Kastenmeier concerning the problems we had with HR 3605. In discussions with Jerry Roschwalb of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, he said that as far as he knew none of the higher educational organizations in Washington had taken a position on this bill. This appears to be related to the fact that the bill is highly complex and that there are provisions in the bill which many people support. He said that even individuals like Shelley Steinbach, who generally gets quite involved in patent legislation, had not become active.

The fact that there appears to be relatively little higher education involvement in this bill, coupled with the fact that the participants in this legislative struggle include the giant pharmaceutical firms, tends to greatly reduce our impact. I indicated to Jerry Roschwalb that he should inform his colleagues that we had some concern about the bill and he said that he would do that.

I wondered if, in addition, it might be helpful for you to prepare a document which you or I could furnish to the higher education associations in Washington explaining the issues involved; their effect on us, and why we are opposed to them.

I fear that without some involvement from the higher educational establishment in Washington, higher education is likely to be overlooked.

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xc: Chancellor Irving Shain

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