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TO: Joe Allen - Bried Baylis office

FROM: Howard W. Bremer

Pursuant to your request for examples of unusual delays and difficulties in obtaining licensing rights from federal agencies you will find attached documentation of a situation which existed at the University of Wisconsin relative to an invention made with funds supplied in part by the Department of the Interior.

Following the letter of July 28, 1976, a meeting was had with Mr. Gersten Sadowsky to discuss the request for an exclusive license under the invention with a right to sublicense. Mr. Sadowsky asked for additional information to be supplied by Professor Boom which specifically outlined a plan for the expenditures for a commercial partner to develop the invention, i.e. an economic analysis of the invention development required and perhaps also a projection as to its potential in the industry.

Dr. Boom, as a University Professor was not in a position to supply such information and to ask some commercial mining operation to provide information of that sort without having the certainty of being able to offer a license upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of their intent to develop was simply impractical. There was little likelihood that a company would apply its talents and efforts to a purely hypothetical situation. As a consequence, no information was supplied and the patent remains in the portfolio of the Department of the Interior with the invention undeveloped and unused.

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