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Dear Howie:

Enclosed please find a statement by me prompted by the remarks made by de Vries in a recent Business Week article. The implication of his remarks should be put on the Congressional Record. (via SUPA).

Also, an article by Shiela McLean from the February 1977 American Bar Review, included herein, has been reprinted by the Ford Foundation. This article should probably be sent (if not already done so) to both Nelson's and Thornton's Committee for the record. (via SUPA).

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

Rimmer de Vries, in an article in the February 20, 1978 edition of Business Week, points out the fundamental problem with the depreciating dollar - the need for a national export policy. In addition to improving export financing, de Vries states "We have to develop new technology and go out and sell the stuff."

The Carter Administration must grasp what to many has long been obvious. A government grant and contract patent title policy will stifle the development of new technology. Accordingly, support of the Thornton Bill is a necessary step to solve the U.S. balance-of-payments problem and to promote the welfare of its citizens.