REMARKS

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ON BEHALF OF USTA, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING ALL OF YOU TO THIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TTAB.

ON AUG. 8, 1958, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SIGNED H.R. 8826 ESTABLISHING THE TTAB. THIS DATE IS EASY TO REMEMBER BECAUSE IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE MY DAUGHTER WAS BORN. NOW BOTH TTAB & MY DAUGHTER ARE A QUARTER CENTURY OLD. THE TTAB PROBABLY DOESN'T MIND THAT STATEMENT AS MUCH AS MY DAUGHTER DOES.

LATER ON TONIGHT YOU'LL BE HEARING SOME REMINISCENCES ABOUT DAPHNE LEEDS FROM A FEW OF HER FRIENDS. WHILE THE IDEA FOR A TTAB HAD BEEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME, HER ARTICLE IN THE JULY 1955 JPOS RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TTAB BECAUSE OF THE WORKLOAD OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS IN DECIDING NUMEROUS EX PARTE AND ENTER PARTE APPEALS.

THIS ARTICLE WAS TIMELY AND IMPORTANT IN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM , BY THE PERSON MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED. HER ARTICLE WAS REPRINTED IN THE TRADEMARK REPORTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1955. COMMISSIONER LEEDS ALSO TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATION WHICH ESTABLISHED THE TTAB.

AT THE TIME THE TTAB WAS ESTABLISHED SOME SUGGESTED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE TTAB SHOULD BE AT THE SAME LEVEL AND HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS. HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT DONE.

AT PRESENT, THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS IS EQUIVALENT TO GRADE 17 AND THE TTAB IS AT GRADE 15. USTA AND OTHERS, INCLUDING APLA AND IPO, HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT TTAB MEMBERS BE CHANGED TO GRADE 16 WHICH IS THE GRADE OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF COMPARABLE GROUPS IN OTHER AREAS OF GOVERNMENT.

ONE LAST COMMENT ON USTA. ONE OF OUR MAJOR GOALS IS TO SEE THE TRADEMARK OFFICE BECOME A FIRST CLASS OPERATION IN EVERY WAY WITH HIGH QUALITY PERSONNEL, TIMELY ACTIONS, AND EXCELLENT FILES AND RECORDS. AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A PART OF USTA WE HAVE WORKED AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK LONG AND HARD WITH THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH CONGRESS TO REACH THIS GOAL, WHICH WE SINCERELY BELIEVE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT SAY WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE MORE ON FAITH AND NOT PUSH SO HARD, WE WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO ASSURE THE BEST RESULTS POSSIBLE. TO THOSE OF YOU IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE, THE VERY IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE, YOU ARE WORKING FOR, AND WE ARE WORKING FOR, THE BEST TRADEMARK OFFICE OUR COUNTRY HAS EVER SEEN