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Dear Larry:

In a recent telephone conversation with Roger Ditzel he raised a couple of interesting points which could find their way into the SUPA program or even perhaps be the subject of a newsletter item. Roger suggested that we might have a speaker or some presentation on plant patents since California and perhaps other universities enjoy substantial income from licensing under such patents. Roger's second point was the problems which arise when there is a faculty exchange, i.e. there are visiting professors on the campus who may make inventions during their stay. In most situations there may be a conflict because of employment agreements and Roger thought that perhaps a standard agreement of some sort could be drafted which would take care of this problem amongst the various cooperating universities.

On the good news side regarding the legislation two more Senators have been added as co-sponsors to the Dole-Bayh Bill S. 414 and it appears almost certain that Senator Nelson will also become a co-sponsor. We are continuing to work on the House side to at least schedule hearings on the Bill and move it along before we get into the election year hold-up.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

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