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Dear Mr. Scurlock:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you discussed the Institutional Patent Agreement (IPA) and its bearing on the rights to inventions arising from contracts with Federal agencies. I understand from your letter that although you prefer the Uniform Federal Research and Development Utilization Act of 1977 (H.R. 8596), a policy directing agencies to use the IPA is acceptable.

At the moment, the Administration is in the process of evaluating policy with regard to the allocation of patent rights arising from Federal R&D. Your comments are therefore most timely and I appreciate your expression of views.

Yours sincerely,

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