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2) Improve the P&L of the USET license brokerage business.

A. Introduction

During the last six months the primary assignment of the Washington office included in addition to the design of a technology database, ~~but~~ an assessment of how the license brokerage business might be made more efficient.

USET has no ability in-of-itself to speed a licensed new product or process to the market so as to speed return of royalty from the licensee. Control of marketing a new product or process is in the exclusive ~~control~~ hands of the industrial manufacturer and to some extent the government regulatory agencies that bar market entry until safety and efficacy concerns have been met. Notwithstanding, it is within USET control to reduce the cost of licensing while increasing the number of licenses and future potential for royalty and equity return. If this is achieved the increase in licenses makes the potential of royalty return in the future larger and more predictable.

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1. Licenseable Technology Database

The attached evaluation process was developed
 intended to improve this fundamental
 problem but this was not the first not been
 implemented prior to Bill Miles departure.

4) Development of Standard Responses

to University Clients

With a standard evaluation
 process in place, the use of standard
 replies ~~to~~ ~~not~~ ~~after~~ ~~technology~~

to university clients after evaluation

becomes automatic.

is greatly simplified and eliminates
 the need for ~~complex~~ ~~cautious~~ ~~and~~ ~~colloquial~~

unique responses to every evaluated

technology ~~which is the process~~ ~~choice~~.

5) Standard Technology Report Form

IT is essential that ~~the~~

a standard ~~university~~ report form

be developed for user clients. If

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~~access~~ the ability of USFT
licensing executives to search
the electronic database will
~~greatly~~ speed response time
to ~~businesses that are not~~
businesses that are not
subscribers to the database.

to industry subscribers ~~that~~ and decrease
the amount of time that USFT licensing
executives now devote to finding licensees.
This ~~create~~ should create an industry
"pull" for USFT technology and decrease the
necessity of USFT "push". In addition,

At present
General
requests
for
technology
in areas
of
interest
are not
answered.

2. Matching USFT Technology to SBIR Awardees

Having SBIR awards on the
licenseable technology database not only
enhances the marketability of the database,
but permits USFT licensing executives
to match USFT technology to ^{proper} SBIR awardees.
Licensing small businesses that have had previous
SBIR awardees not only enhances
the prospect of royalty return, but can
reduce costs ~~of through acquisition~~
~~if~~ if a government agency funds
the further development of USFT technology.
For instance, such funding ~~permits~~
~~the~~ will cover the ^{costs} of filing patent
applications which otherwise would need to
be undertaken by USFT. Other ^{substantial} cost
savings and benefits are discussed in the
attached memo on the SBIR program.

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With the above in mind the following
is a list of potential licensable technology
sources:

a) 175 U.S. Universities

We have identified 175 U.S. universities who each have an annual R&D budget falling between 8.8 and 440 million dollars. In addition, we have identified the technology management contacts ^{including} ~~with~~ telephone number and addresses at 150 of these universities. Many of the technology managers are familiar with USET personnel, which we hope will foster their cooperation. Clearly the 10 USET clients in the listing are obligated to participate. Further, in a dry run we contacted a small number of non-clients and were able to solicit abstracts of over 300 technologies.

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agent for the United Kingdom's government funded research institutes.

GKSS — A German funded environmental research institute that licenses its own technology.

INRA — A French funded agricultural research institute that licenses its own technology.

d) Foreign Sources ^{Not} of licensable technology who have been contacted.

Licensing org — The ^{designated} exclusive licensing agent for all technology from USSR funded research institutes.

INVAR — The designated nonexclusive licensing agent for France's government funded research institutes.

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Technical Research Centre of Finland

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Austrian Trade Commission —

Nonexclusive licensing agent for Austrian businesses.

Canadian Patents and Developments Ltd.

Exclusive licensing agent for Canada research institutes and some Canada universities.

Israeli Industry Center for R&D (MATIMOP)

Nonexclusive licensing agent for Israeli businesses.

Italian Trade Commission

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Swedish National Board for Technical Development

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The U.S. SBIR program was created in 1982 by Public Law 97-219. The

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on ~~2500~~^{10,000} awards. ~~annually~~. A description of each award is available from each funding agency. ~~Approximately~~ All 10,000 announced awards have been accumulated from the 11 agency contact points and are now being converted into an electronic database. ~~Since all the technology~~
Since only 1 of 8 submissions from small businesses are granted funding, the industry should be very interested in ~~the~~^{the} technology that survived the government evaluation and screening process. As noted, while hardcopy is publicly available, an on-line version is managing the database.
(*) The DOE Energy Related Inventions Program.

The D.O.E. program was created ~~in 1976. The~~ by statute in 1976. The law ~~recognizes~~^{to develop} creates a funding program for energy related inventions brought to the attention of D.O.E. In practice the evaluation and recommendations for funding have been assigned to the National Bureau of Standards who has ~~evaluated~~^{evaluated} and recommended funding of a funding program for energy related inventions brought to the attention of D.O.E. In practice the evaluation and recommendations for funding have been assigned to the National Bureau of Standards who has ~~evaluated~~^{evaluated} and recommended funding of approximately 8000 technologies in the last 10 years. We

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G) Existing Electronic Databases Disclosing Technology.

Before listing the possibilities of using existing databases, it is important to discuss the problems they entail. First, ~~not~~ with one exception, none of the accessible databases are limited to licensable technology. Further, none appear to be limited to new products and processes. They all appear to ~~combine scientific results with~~ ^{combine scientific results with} ~~technology~~ ^{technology} which are ~~not~~ ^{not} limited to new products and processes. These problems ~~plus~~ ^{plus} the fact that they are ~~generally~~ ^{generally} not used frequently, makes existing databases difficult to deal with.

However, ~~even~~ ^{even} to the extent that the information ~~from~~ ^{from} such an electronic database can be obtained on a media that ~~can~~ ^{can} be moved to a MCC site ~~with~~ ^{with} no copyright or other conditions attached, ~~disclosures of~~ ^{disclosures of} new products and processes ~~technology~~ ^{technology} can be screened out and reformatted and used in our database ~~batch searched~~ ^{batch searched}.)

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Copyright infringement problems could arise from use of these databases without negotiating with the database creator.

~~includes~~ Project description includes title, starting date, investigation, performing and sponsoring organization and detailed abstract.

Federal Applied Technology Database

Contains abstracts of selected processes, instruments, materials, equipment, software, and techniques generated by Federal laboratories. (14k records)

Bibliographic Database

Contains the abstracts from ^{all} ~~abstract~~ ~~Newsletters~~ technical reports generated by NTIS both foreign and domestic (1.6 million records).

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i) The Pergamon Journals

Editors of the Journals could as part of the review process ask authors whether the paper submitted described any new product or process which he or his organization was interested in further developing. An abstract of that paper could be created for inclusion in our database. The submitter's incentive to participate would be explained as possible royalty returns or additional research funding from industry.

j) U.S. Government Laboratories

In 1986, Federal laboratories were given the authority for the first time to license their technology. These laboratories are ~~busy~~ ^{actively} creating the infrastructure to proceed ~~in some recognize~~ and a few have appointed technology managers who function much like university managers. Over a period of time this area will be extremely fertile grounds for technology disclosures aimed at ~~busy~~ ^{actively} creating the infrastructure to proceed ~~in some recognize~~ and a few have appointed technology managers who function much like university managers. Over a period of time this area will be extremely fertile grounds for technology disclosures aimed at industry. We already know that the Dept of — has entered

While the above list of technology sources is ~~not~~ far from complete, it does suggest that ~~a~~ the critical mass for a licensable technology database could be reached ~~in~~ rapidly.

C. Competitors

All private businesses offering services based on an accumulation of licensable technology do so as follows:

- 1) Solicit abstracts of current technology on a specified format,
- 2) create a searchable ~~proprietary~~ database, and
- 3) sell handcopy access to only technology areas that subscribers have indicated an interest in.

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The following are companies generally following the approach described above:

Regis McKenna Inc (Center for Technology Licensing) - Palo Alto, Cal.
Technology Catalysts - Washington, D.C.

Nerac - Tolland, Conn.

Lloyd Patterson, International - Ormond Beach, Fla.

Dr. Dvorkowitz and Associates - Ormond Beach, Fla.

Technology Insights - Englewood, N.J.

TECH STAFF International - N.Y., N.Y.

BBI (Newmillan) - Tustin, Cal.

(alliance partner
Arthur Andersen
& Co.)

Each company has some characteristics that distinguish it from the others.

Technology Insights and BBI disclose their technology newsletters. BBI limits itself to the Life Sciences and a conference capability.

Technology Catalysts claim that its database has much from small businesses and also ~~discloses through conference~~ Technology Insights puts great emphasis on reviewing the Office's weekly Gazette for new patents with high tech potential.

Lloyd Patterson has only twenty one clients which he has a conference on a very personal basis including small conferences.

NERAC searches not only its own database, but other databases to address specific technology problems. NERAC emphasis is "batch" searching for technology problems. Subscriptions are \$6K.

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As best as could be determined, all the companies are running in the black. While this is in no means an exhaustive study of the

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technology sources. Menac and Technology Catalysts appear to be the most aggressive competitors. Their interest in being acquired is unknown.

Not much is known about Regis McKenna though all their activity seems focused on the electronic industry. This claim an extensive proprietary database in that area. Subscriptions ~~and~~ to ~~the~~ reports on technology alliances in the semiconductor industry are 7 K.

We believe that the habits acquired over many years by some ~~staff~~ staff that came with UPI cannot be overcome without new credible management. The simplest way of achieving this is making the Washington office headquarters, especially since as since ~~the~~ all the emphasis for change is being pursued ~~from~~ ^{from} Washington. In addition it is recommended that the operating function at Westport be gradually phased down and transferred to Washington. It is especially important that the two new licensing executives be moved to Washington since they have not yet permanently located in Westport, or have they been ~~trained~~ instilled with the UPI practices. ~~at yesterday~~ ^{past}

10. Washington, D.C.