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Notes on 5/20/42 Discussion with
Commissioner Coe

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Notes by W. A. Shurcliff

Explanation: The writer was asked to record the gist of the 5/20/42 meeting held in Dr. Bush's office with Dr. Bush, Commissioner Coe, Mr. Donnelly, and the writer present.

Details: Dr. Bush indicated that the University of Chicago wrote and offered to assign outright to the government its patents relating to S-1 and resulting from OSRD contracts. Dr. Bush thought that other universities might well be agreeable to following suit. It was agreed that relevant patents should be attended to before they had a chance to reach the courts -- i.e., before the appeal stage.

It was agreed that the writer would (1) obtain general familiarity with S-1 activities, (2) provide the examiners with a list of pertinent fields, and (3) provide a summary of the art. The summary would not need to be in great detail, nor would it have to mention any very recent work. The summary would not be made available to an examiner until he encountered a borderline case in connection with which the summary would afford a background necessary to the making of a sound decision.

It was agreed that Dr. Bush would write a letter to Dr. Shurcliff designating him as OSRD Liaison Officer lent to the Patent Office on a part time basis to assist that office in the administration of Public Law 700 as applying to S-1 subjects. The writer would acquaint no OSRD personnel except the director with confidential Patent Office material. The writer would not attempt to advise OSRD personnel on the filing of patents, it being preferable to assign this task to others in order to leave the writer's responsibility undivided and to preserve the formally required compartmentation of information.

The writer is to inform Captain Lavender of the writer's proposed function.

Within a few days Commissioner Coe may invite the writer to accompany him to Richmond to meet the examiner inspect representative applications bearing on S-1, and perhaps make a preliminary study of the feasibility of discovering pertinent applications by proceeding from a list (to be prepared by the writer immediately) of recognized authorities on the subject.

It was recognized that it may turn out that there are no substantial problems, and it was agreed that we should proceed one step at a time, not trying to solve the more difficult problems until they are actually encountered.

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