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SCHOOL OF LAW

MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor John N. Gardner
Secretary to the Faculty

FROM: David E. Shipley, Associate Professor, Law School DES
Chairman, University Patent and Copyright Committee

RE: Annual Report

DATE: June 6, 1983

During the year ending May 31, 1983, the University Patent and Copyright Committee considered three matters involving interpretations of the Copyright Policy and five requests for category classifications under the Patent Policy as to inventions which may be patentable.

The Committee's recommendations to the Provost were as follows: four of the five discoveries/inventions were determined to be within Category 2 because the inventors had received substantial financial support from outside organizations such as the NIH; with regard to the fifth patent matter, the Committee determined that a recommendation was inappropriate because the inventors were requesting the University to release any and all of its potential rights in advance of their planned, on campus, research activities and the Committee regarded the request as premature; one of the copyright matters was classified as a University-commissioned work; another was classified as not being University-commissioned; and, the third copyright matter involved a question of copyright ownership to a student's cartoon rendition of "Cocky" and the Committee recommended that the student artist should be declared to own the copyright to her cartoon subject to three qualifications.

The Faculty Manual at pages 56 to 57 defines the category classifications for inventions. The criteria to be considered in determining whether a copyrightable work of authorship is University-commissioned are set forth at pages 58 to 60 of the Manual.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 7-6917 or 7-4155 should you need additional information.

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