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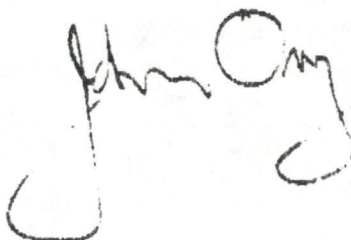
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TOM RATCHFORD

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In your absence I met with the above individuals at 3:30 p.m., March 31, 1992 in Chief of Staff Skinner's office. Bob Galvin had requested the meeting, but cancelled at the last minute.

Ong requested the President participate in the April 25 induction of four new members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. He also requested the President endorse the Hall to assist in its fund raising. Skinner indicated the President almost certainly could not attend, and that although the President was supportive of their efforts, a specific endorsement would not be possible.

Ong indicated to me afterward that he and Galvin want to meet with you on this issue as well. It would be worthwhile. I suggested to Ong and Nichols that the educational aspects of the National Invention Center efforts might also be of interest to Dean Kamen and the US FIRST crew.

Background information is attached.

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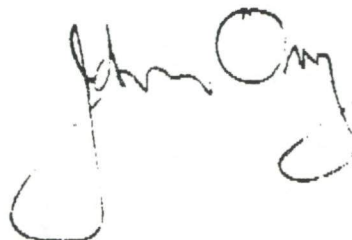
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In fulfillment of its mission, Inventure Place's principal programs are education and other outreach activities targeted both at schools and at today's work force. We believe Inventure Place can be an important force in helping our country retain its technological leadership. In addition, each year a major event is held to induct a small, highly select group of our country's greatest inventors into the national Inventors hall of Fame. Some weeks ago, I wrote to the President inviting him to preside and speak at this year's ceremony, which takes place on April 25 in Akron, Ohio, Now that the inductees have been announced, I am writing to the President again. Enclosed is a copy of that second invitation.

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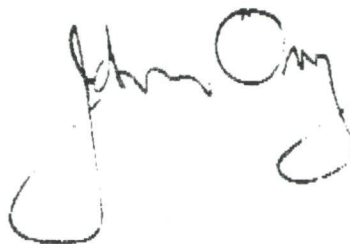
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Our purpose in meeting with you is to explain the basic goals of Inventure Place and to discuss ways that Inventure Place can support the administration's objectives in education, economic competitiveness and technological leadership. Bob Galvin and I are currently planning on being in Washington on March 31 and would like, if possible, to meet with you that day. If this is not convenient, I would appreciate learning of other dates that fit your schedule. I have asked my secretary to contact your office to see if we can find a mutually agreeable date.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



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The President
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Dear Mr. President:

In January, at the urging of Robert Mosbacher and David Kearns, I wrote to invite you to preside and to speak at the Induction Ceremonies of The National Inventor's Hall of Fame. These ceremonies will take place on April 25, in Akron, Ohio. At that time, your office responded that your schedule may not allow you to attend. Now that we are closer to the event, I am writing once again to extend the invitation and to provide you with additional information. I believe that the Induction Ceremonies would provide an excellent platform for you or Vice President Quayle to present your views on the importance of maintaining our country's technological leadership.

Since my initial invitation, this year's four inductees have been announced. Information on each of them is attached. This is another very impressive group of people, including the inventor of Tetracycline, the first man-made antibiotic, and the inventor of the electrostatic precipitator, a major contribution to the environment. Another inductee, who you may know is Bill Hewlett, one of the founders of Hewlett-Packard. Bill was selected for inventing the audio oscillator.

This year's group joins just 94 others, all of whom have made a major contribution to the health and standard of living of people around the globe. These people exemplify the combination of tenacity and intellect that have made our country the leader of the world.

The materials enclosed also describe the series of events leading up to the Induction Ceremony itself. There will be:

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- programs focusing on women inventors
- an education conference bringing together business people and educators on the subject of adding creativity and hands-on experiences to the teaching of science in our schools
- a legal conference for those involved in the key issue of protecting our country's intellectual property
- a special Saturday morning, hands-on program for children on the subjects of sound and motion
- a ceremony honoring the winners of the only national competition for college level inventors

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is a formal event held before an audience of 2,500, with ample opportunities for good media coverage. A copy of last year's program is attached. The program begins with awards to the grade school students and their teachers who have won the annual invention competition run by the Weekly Reader. The induction of this year's Hall of Fame honorees follows. Many past inductees will be in attendance on the stage.

While the Induction Ceremony itself is the largest of the events that will take place, several of the others would present a good opportunity for remarks. I am sure we can be quite flexible in accommodating your schedule.

The activities I have described above are conducted by the National Invention Center. The mission of the National Invention Center is "To inspire invention and creativity." Its principal activities are outreach and education programs for people of all ages to help unlock the creative powers that are in us all. The purpose of the National Inventors Hall of Fame is both to honor our greatest inventors and to use the stories of their lives to inspire future generations to still greater heights.

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Thank you for considering our invitation. On the expectation that you or the Vice President may be planning to visit Ohio in the weeks ahead, I can think of no other event that offers a better combination of issues and setting. I hope your schedule permits you to participate and I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John O. ...". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "O".

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cc: The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
The Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher
The Honorable David Kearns

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NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FOUR INVENTORS

The inventions selected won the war against smallpox, fought air pollution, helped Walt Disney create "Fantasia," and opened the door to man-made antibiotics.

(Washington, DC, February 11, 1992)—National Inventors Hall of Fame President James A. Laughlin today announced the names of four inventors elected to the Hall in 1992, raising to 98 the total number of inventors so recognized.

The four inventors will be inducted to the National Inventors Hall of Fame at induction ceremonies in Akron, Ohio, April 23 to 25, 1992. This is the third year Akron has hosted the National Inventors Hall of Fame induction since being named as the new home of the Hall in 1987.

Discoveries made by these four inventors are in use today, and several of the inventors or their companies still lead in new technological development. They join 94 other inventors in the Hall of Fame, including Thomas A. Edison, Guglielmo Marconi, George Washington Carver, and Gertrude Elion. The 1992 inductees are:

✓ Frederick G. Cottrell, Ph.D. (1877-1948)

Before 1908 there was no practical way to remove the tons of fly ash, dust, and acid mists pouring into the air from industrial smokestacks across the country. Dr. Cottrell's electrostatic precipitator (Patent #895,729; August 11, 1908) effectively eliminated smoke-stack particulate pollution with high-voltage electricity; a technology very much in use today. The precipitation process allowed some of the chemicals to be re-used. With funds from this patent, he founded the non-profit Research Corporation, which continues to support research and invention.

Lloyd H. Conover, Ph.D. (1923-)

Tetracycline is an antibiotic drug well-known to most anyone who's had to fight an infection. Dr. Conover's invention of tetracycline in 1952 (Patent #2,699,054; January 11, 1955) was the first creation of an antibiotic made by chemically modifying a naturally-produced drug; something many scientists believed would be impossible. Tetracycline

became the most prescribed broad scale antibiotic in the United States and is used throughout the world. Today, almost 40 years later, Tetracycline remains the drug of choice for a number of serious infectious diseases including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease. Dr. Conover retired from Pfizer, Inc. as Senior Vice President for Research and Development.

William R. Hewlett (1913-)

The Walt Disney company ordered eight of Mr. Hewlett's first invention in 1939, for the soundtrack of the film, "Fantasia," and started the infant Hewlett-Packard company on its way to becoming a powerhouse in electronics. Mr. Hewlett's "variable frequency oscillation generator" (Patent #2,268,872; January 6, 1942) - also known as the "audio oscillator" - was the first practical method of generating high-quality audio frequencies needed in communications, geophysics, medicine and defense work. Mr. Hewlett is now director emeritus for the board of directors of Hewlett-Packard Company.

Benjamin A. Rubin, Ph.D. (1917-)

The disease smallpox killed two million people worldwide in 1967. Thirteen years later, on May 8, 1980, the World Health Assembly declared, for the first time in history, man had eradicated a deadly disease: smallpox had been defeated. Essential to this victory was Dr. Rubin's "bifurcated vaccination needle" (Patent #3,194,237; July 13, 1965), which easily administered tiny amounts of scarce smallpox vaccine in undeveloped nations where standard vaccination techniques often failed. Dr. Rubin is now Professor of Microbiology and Public Health at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 25. The ceremony is preceded by three days of invention-related conferences and events, including:

Education and legal conferences. The education conference focuses on science and technology education. The legal conference features attorneys from Kodak and Polaroid, who will review their landmark patent infringement case.

The BFGoodrich Collegiate Inventors Program. Student inventors will be honored as part of the first national competition for college students, designed to stimulate creativity and inventiveness.

An inventor's forum. National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees join in a wide-ranging discussion to provide better insight into what stimulates creativity and inventiveness, and what barriers need to be overcome.

"The Feminist Boost to Women Inventors." Author, historian and patent-holding inventor Anne Macdonald reveals how networking can help overcome the problems facing women inventors today.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame was created in 1973 by the National Council of Patent Law Associations (now the National Council of Intellectual Property Law

Associations), in cooperation with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Inventors are selected for the Hall of Fame by the Selection Committee of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation. The Selection Committee is composed of representatives from 38 national scientific and technical organizations, who each year select the most qualified inventors from those nominated.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame will inspire creativity and invention through its interactive museum exhibits in Akron; national touring exhibits; video programs; educational programs and seminars; and publications.

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