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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF COLLECTIONS  
OF PATENT DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE FRAME-  
WORK OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*Information from Bekaert/Belgium*

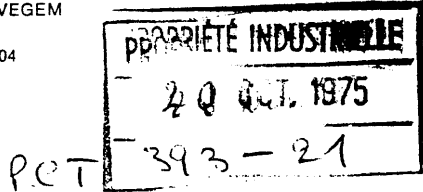
1. The firm Bekaert S.A., of Zvevegem, Belgium, in a letter dated October 16, 1975, has informed the International Bureau of the availability of a collection of about 1,800 copies of patents issued by various PCT minimum documentation countries. The letter is reproduced as an Annex to this document.

2. Further information received orally indicates that the documents in question are the following, broken down by issuing country and date of oldest document:

Approximately	500	from the United States of America	-earliest date 1928
approximately	350	from Germany (Federal Republic of)	-earliest date 1933
approximately	320	from France	-earliest date 1931
approximately	300	from the Netherlands	-earliest date 1924
approximately	200	from the United Kingdom	-earliest date 1932
approximately	100	from Belgium	-earliest date 1939

3. *The Interim Committee is invited to take note of the information herewith submitted and is requested to consider this document in conjunction with documents PCT/TAS/V/2 and 7.*

[Annex follows]

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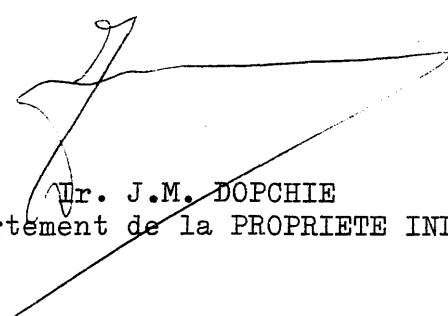
Monsieur le Directeur Général,

Dans le cadre des activités de l'O.M.P.I., vous avez été amené à promouvoir la Protection de la Propriété Industrielle dans les Pays en voie de développement. Vous n'ignorez pas que vous avez eu notre appui, tout au moins sur l'objectif poursuivi.

C'est dans cette optique que nous vous demandons dans quelle mesure, l'un ou l'autre Institut National ou Régional serait intéressé à recevoir gracieusement, en étant capable de les utiliser judicieusement, des textes complets (photocopies) de brevets américains, allemands, ou d'autres pays, qui ont fait partie de nos dossiers comme documents définissant l'état de la technique. Suite à un inventaire nous avons quelques (2.400) brevets disponibles qui devraient être détruits pour rendre libre l'espace occupé par ces documents. Il est certain que si vous aviez plusieurs instituts intéressés, nous aimerions pouvoir faire un choix à notre meilleure convenance.

En attendant le plaisir de vous lire, veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Directeur Général, l'expression de nos sentiments très dévoués.

N.V. BEKAERT S.A.



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TRANSLATION

N.V. BEKAERT/S.A.  
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October 16, 1975

Dear Mr. Director General,

In the course of the activities of WIPO, you have had occasion to promote the protection of industrial property in developing countries. You are aware, furthermore, that you have had our support, at least with respect to the aim pursued.

In the light of the foregoing, we would ask you whether any national or regional body would be interested in receiving free of charge, provided it is capable of making judicious use of them, full-text photocopies of American and German patents and patents from other countries which have been included in our files as documents indicative of the state of the art. As a result of stock-taking, we have some (2,400) surplus patents which will have to be destroyed in order to vacate the space occupied by them.

Should you have several bodies interested, we should like to make a selection as soon as is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

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