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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF COLLECTIONS OF PATENT
DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF PCT TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

prepared by the International Bureau

BACKGROUND

1. The PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance (hereinafter referred to as “the Interim Committee”), at its fifth session held in Geneva from October 28 to November 3, 1975, recommended that the International Bureau should actively pursue its program of making available collections of patent documents to developing countries.
2. In particular, the Interim Committee considered that the International Bureau should continue its efforts to endeavour to dispose of the collections so far offered, as expeditiously as possible, and to locate further collections of patent documents which could be made available to developing countries.
3. Furthermore, the Interim Committee urged all countries which had offered collections of patent documents to keep these collections for an extended period of time.
4. With respect to collections likely to become available in the future, all countries were urged to give an indication, as far in advance as possible, of the availability of such collections, and of the period during which they would be kept available to the International Bureau (see paragraph 24 of the Report of the fifth session, document PCT/TAS/V/12).

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5. This document reports on the actions undertaken by the International Bureau in the period from November 1975 to June 30, 1976, and the results obtained so far.

PROGRESS IN DISPOSING OF OFFERED COLLECTIONS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS

6. It is recalled that at the fifth session of the Interim Committee, the patent document collections offered were indicated in the following documents:

PCT/TAS/V/2 – Progress report on the survey of collections of patent documents available in the framework of technical assistance projects for developing countries – Report by the International Bureau;

PCT/TAS/V/7 – Same title – Information from the Soviet Union;

PCT/TAS/V/9 – Same title – Information from Bekaert.

7. The following Offices have availed themselves of patent document collections offered:

(I) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

The copies of selected patent documents from Belgium and France (document PCT/TAS/V/9) offered by the Belgian firm Bekaert have been shipped to OAPI.

(II) Algerian Institute of Normalization and Industrial Property (INAPI)

For the transmittal of one complete collection of Swiss patent documents offered by the Swiss Patent Office (document PCT/TAS/V/2 paragraph 17(i)), and of the newly issued follow-up documents, agreement has been reached and transportation procedures are being initiated.

(III) Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI)

- (a) The patent document collections of Australia (1926 -1974), German Democratic Republic (1956 -1973), and the United Kingdom abridgements (1932 -1974) offered by the Norwegian Patent Office (document PCT/TAS/V/2 paragraphs 8(1), 12 and 18(c)) have been shipped to Brazil.
- (b) A request has been made concerning the transmittal of the Canadian patent documents and English abstracts of Japanese patent documents offered by the Canadian Patent Office and Japatic respectively (document PCT/TAS/V/2 paragraphs 10 and 15(ii)).
- (c) Agreement has been reached concerning the transmittal of the United States of America patents (document PCT/TAS/V/2 paragraph 19(i)) offered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and transportation procedures have been initiated.
- (d) A request has been made concerning the transmittal of the specifications of Soviet Union inventions (1949 -1957) and United Kingdom patents (1929 - 1967), in the form of microfilm, offered by the Soviet Union (document PCT/TAS/V/7).
- (e) The copies of selected patent documents from Germany (Federal Republic of), the United Kingdom and the United States of America (document PCT/TAS/V/9) offered by the Belgian firm, Bekaert, have been shipped to Brazil.
- (f) A collection of patent documents concerning semi-conductors (about 18,000 documents) offered by the German Patent Office (see Annex F to this document), has been shipped to Brazil.

(IV) Cuban National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Trademarks

For the transmittal of one complete collection of Swiss patent documents (document PCT/TAS/V/2 paragraph 17(i)) offered by the Swiss Patent Office and the newly issued follow-up documents, agreement has been reached and transportation procedures are being initiated.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PATENT DOCUMENTS DISPOSED OF

8. Upon the assumption that all requests for offered patent documents will have been met with before the sixth session of the Interim Committee, the total number of documents disposed of since the fifth session will be almost four million, made up as follows (in round numbers) :

paper patent documents:	1,890,000
paper abridgements:	1,035,000
microfilm patent documents:	<u>1,000,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>3,925,000</u>

FURTHER ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

9. In order to locate further patent document collections, as well as to obtain an extension of the period of time during which offered collections would be kept by the countries offering them, the International Bureau issued circular letter no. 2377, of December 19, 1975 (see Annex A to this document) to all member countries of the Paris Union.*

10. The following countries have answered circular letter no. 2377: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany (Federal Republic of), Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Soviet Union, Switzerland, United States of America. The answers received from the various patent Offices are reproduced as Annexes B - M to this document.

PATENT DOCUMENTS COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE

11. The patent document collections which are at present available, or may become available in the near future, are listed below in alphabetical order, in English, of the names of the patent document issuing countries. If the patent documents are available from more than one source, the conditions under which they are obtainable are indicated separately for each source.

AUSTRALIAN PATENT DOCUMENTS

12. Available at present from the Australian Patent Office:

Part collections of Australian patent specifications, starting 1971, as specified under the PCT minimum documentation, Rule 34.1(c) (vi). One copy of each patent specification so determined will be forwarded immediately once the name and address of the recipient is known.

Delivery is free of charge.

* Also, Circular Letter No. 2375, dated December 19, 1975, inquiring as to collections of patent documents possibly becoming available from industry, was sent by the International Bureau to industry federations (see paragraph 4 of document PCT/TAS/VI/5).

This offer is without limitation as to the number of countries that may wish these collections but, due to pressing storage problems, the offer is not unlimited in time.

BELGIAN PATENT DOCUMENTS

13. (i) Available from the Norwegian Patent Office:
Part collection comprising Nos. 675,001 - 731,100 (corresponds to period 3.5.1966 – 15.8.1969).
Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.
Collection will be kept until December 31, 1976.
- (ii) Available at present from the Belgian Patent Office:
A few part collections of the “Recueil des Brevets d’Invention” for the years 1940 - 1973, containing only an abstract and, in some cases, also a drawing, of the patents granted.
Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.
The collections will be kept at the disposal of interested countries for a period of 3 - 4 years.

CANADIAN PATENT DOCUMENTS

14. Available at present, and in future, from the Canadian Patent Office:

Part collection, starting with No. 848,159 - August 4, 1970.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs. Depending on the number of documents required and the number of countries involved, alternatives as to transportation costs could be considered at a later time, including the financial assistance of a Canadian Agency dealing with aid to developing countries.

This offer is without any time limitation.

FRENCH PATENT DOCUMENTS

15. (a) Available from the French National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) :
Complete collections of abstracts of French patent documents since 1958, classified accordingly to the International Patent Classification, in the form of 16mm microfilm cassettes.

Financial details will be examined once developing countries have manifested their interest in this form of documentation.

The offer is without any time limitation.
- (b) Available as from 1976 from France (Imprimerie Nationale, Paris):
Part collection of unsold paper copies of patent documents going back five years.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs, if taken as a bulk delivery from the printer (Imprimerie Nationale). If separate sets must be established, or other sorting work is desired, compensation for additional costs may be requested.

The Offer is strictly limited as to time in that the documents must be dispatched within three months from the time they become available.

- (c) Available in the future, at the earliest 1980, from the Netherlands Patent Office:
A complete collection of patent documents for the period 1920 - 1950, when and if replaced by microforms.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is limited to one year after replacement of the patent documents by microforms.

GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF) PATENT DOCUMENTS

16. (i) Available at present from the German Patent Office:

A part collection which is currently updated with newly issuing patent documents, comprising:

- (a) Offenlegungsschriften (Unexamined patent applications). Paper copies, in numerical order, as of 1969 with gaps. 8-up aperture cards, classified, from July 1970 - February 1972.
- (b) Auslegeschriften (Examined patent applications). Paper copies, in numerical order from September 1955 - June 1967, with gaps; as of 1970, with gaps. 8-up aperture cards, classified, from July 1970 - February 1972.
- (c) Patentschriften (Granted patents). Paper copies, in numerical order, as of 1970, with gaps. 8-up aperture cards, classified, from July 1970 - February 1972.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is without any time limitation.

- (ii) Available in future, at the earliest 1980, from the Netherlands Patent Office:

A complete collection of patent documents for the period 1920 - 1950, when and if replaced by microform.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is limited to one year after replacement of the collection by microforms.

ITALIAN PATENT DOCUMENTS

17. Available at present from the Italian Patent Office:

Part collection comprising Nos. 670,000 - 765,200 (corresponds to period 9.10.1964 – 15.5.1967).

Delivery is free of charge.

The collection will be kept until December, 1976, only.

JAPANESE PATENT DOCUMENTS AND ENGLISH ABSTRACTS THEREOF

18. (a) Available at present from the Japanese Patent Office:

Collection of Japanese Gazettes of Examined Patent Applications and of Unexamined Patent Applications, starting two months after receipt of request.

Delivery is free of charge for those countries with which an agreement for mutual exchange of patent documents is in force with Japan and against payment of transportation costs for other countries.

The offer is without any time limitation.

- (b) Available at present from the Ministry of International Trade and Industries of Japan:

Part collections of English abstracts of Japanese patent documents as follows:

Unexamined published patent applications

for 1972:	300
for 1973:	400
for 1974:	460
for 1975:	<u>400</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>1560</u>

The abstracts are made of patent documents in the fields of technology which are likely to be of use to developing countries.

Delivery is free of charge.

The offer is without any time limitation.

LUXEMBOURG PATENT DOCUMENTS

19. Available from the Luxembourg Industrial Property Service:

Collections of the Luxembourg Official Journal issues in which there are published the bibliographic data of patents granted in Luxembourg.

Delivery is free of charge.

The offer is without any time limitation.

NORWEGIAN PATENT DOCUMENTS

20. Available at present and in the future from the Norwegian Patent Office:

Part collection, from No. 73,537 (May 1948) onwards.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is without any time limitation.

SOVIET UNION PATENT DOCUMENTS

21. Available from the State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries of the USSR Council of Ministers:

Specifications of Soviet Inventions from 1949 to 1957 in the form of [35mm] microfilm rolls.

The microfilms have been offered free of charge.

SWISS PATENT DOCUMENTS

22. (i) Available at present and in future from the Swiss Patent Office: (A specific request has to be submitted for each case to the Federal Department of Justice and Police, but there is no doubt that an agreement can be obtained therefrom)

Two complete collections from 1888 to the present date, in paper copies, in numerical order (230 meters shelf space).

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is limited until January 1, 1979.

- (ii) Available at present from the Norwegian Patent Office:

Part collection, comprising Nos. 379,400 - 551,730, unbound (90 meters of shelf space).

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is limited until December, 1976.

UNITED KINGDOM PATENT DOCUMENTS

23. Available from the State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries of the USSR Council of Ministers:

Specifications of United Kingdom patents from 1929 to 1967 in the form of [35mm] microfilm in rolls.

The microfilms have been offered free of charge.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PATENT DOCUMENTS

24. Available in the future, at the earliest 1980, from the Netherlands Patent Office:

A complete collection of patent documents for the period 1920 - 1950, when and if replaced by microform.

Delivery is against payment of transportation costs.

The offer is limited to one year after replacement of the collection by microforms.

FURTHER ACTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

25. The International Bureau is continuing its efforts to dispose of offered collections of patent documents as expeditiously as possible. In this context, the needs of the ongoing project for the modernization of the Brazilian patent system have been considered immediately, whenever an opportunity for satisfying them has presented itself.

26. Interest in patent documentation is rising in developing countries and, on the basis of the positive results in disposing of offered collections of patent documents, it is hoped that countries will continue offering to WIPO all collections of patent documents that may become available in the future.

27. The Interim Committee is requested to take note of this report and to give any advice, as it thinks appropriate, on further action to be undertaken by the International Bureau.

[Annexes follow]



WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

C. 2377
PCT 21

December 19, 1975

Sir,

I have the honor to call to your attention that the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, at its fifth session held in Geneva from October 28 to November 3, 1975, recommended to the International Bureau to actively pursue its program of making available collections of patent documents to developing countries. In particular, it should continue its efforts to locate further collections of patent documents. Furthermore, all countries which had offered collections of patent documents were urged to keep these collections for an extended period of time. In order to give the International Bureau more time to contact developing countries with a view to disposing of collections offered expeditiously, after their becoming available, all countries were urged to give, as far in advance as possible, an indication of the availability of such collections and of the time period during which they could be kept available to the International Bureau.

In order to assist the International Bureau in carrying out the above-mentioned tasks, we would appreciate your answering the annexed questionnaire, if applicable.

All indications will be welcome, and also part collections may serve the interests of developing countries. You are kindly requested to communicate your response to the International Bureau by April 30, 1976.

Sincerely yours,

K. Pfanner
Deputy Director General

Annex to Circular No. 2377

QUESTIONNAIRE TO NATIONAL OFFICES

1. In case your Office has already offered any collections of patent documents in response to WIPO's Circular 2134, of February 28, 1975, that can be kept available only for a limited period of time,
how long can that period of time be extended?
2. In case in the meantime other collections of patent documents have become available, or in the future, may become available in your Office, or in other institutions of your country of which you have knowledge, please specify with regard to each collection:
 - a) the country issuing the documents,
 - b) the years and/or the series of numbers covered,
 - c) other known details of interest (whether applications or patents, bound or unbound, classified or in numerical sequence, in paper or microform, etc.),
 - d) whether these collections are or may be put at the disposal of developing countries free of charge, or against payment of freight costs,
 - e) whether these collections can or may be kept available without limitation in time, or how long that period of time can be.

[End of questionnaire]

[Annex B follows]



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Referat für den gewerblichen Rechtsschutz
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Mr. Klaus PFANNER
Deputy Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization

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Dear Mr. Pfanner,

In reply to your letter of December 19, 1975
I have the honor to inform you that the Austrian
Patent Office at present and in the near future
does not have any collections of patent documents
at its disposal which could be made available to
developing countries. If collections become
available, I will inform you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

(Mr. Schmeiser)

[Annex C follows]
[L'annexe C suit]



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Service de la Propriété Industrielle
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Organisation Mondiale de la
Propriété Intellectuelle,

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Vos références

Nos références

Annexes

C 2377/PCT 21

Objet

Monsieur le Directeur Général,

Comme suite à votre lettre circulaire du 19 décembre 1975 sous la référence mentionnée ci-dessus, j'ai l'honneur de Vous faire savoir que le contenu de ma lettre du 30.6.1975 en réponse à votre circulaire antérieure C 2134/PCT 21 reste toujours valable.

Toutefois le délai de conservation indiqué sous le point 5 de cette lettre-réponse pourra être prolongé provisoirement d'un an de sorte que ce délai deviendrait de trois ou quatre ans.

Je Vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Directeur Général, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

Le Directeur,

A. SCHURMANS.

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.[Annex D follows]

[L'annexe D suit]

PCT/TAS/VI/4
ANNEXE D/ANNEX D



Consumer and Consommation et
Corporate Affairs Corporations

Hull, February 23, 1976.

Your file — Votre dossier

Our file — Notre dossier 1072-WP-4-3

Dr K Pfanner
Deputy Director General
WIPO
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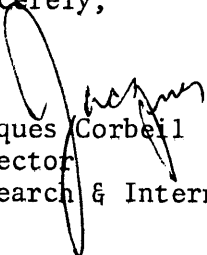
Dr K Pfanner

I refer to circular no 2377 concerning collections of patent documents to be made available to developing countries.

In answer to the questionnaire, I would like to say that as indicated in circular C2134 the patent document collections are kept without any limitation of time. With respect to other collections of patent documents which may become available in our office or other institutions in our country, we can state that for practical purposes we do not know of any other collections which could, at the present time, be of positive use to developing countries.

We hope that these answers will be of some help in the pursuance of your program to make collections of patent documents available to developing countries.

Sincerely,


Jacques Corbeil
Director
Research & International Affairs

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[Annex E follows]
[L'annexe E suit]



DIREKTORATET FOR
PATENT- OG VAREMÆRKEVÆSENEN

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Telefon (01) 12 84 40 . Postkonto 4 02 05 53

EKSPEDITION: Mandag-fredag 9-13

LÆSESALEN er åben mandag-fredag 9-14,
mandag tillige 17-19

København, den 8th April, 1976.

Alm. Ans. nr. 2315b^I (Bedes anført ved besvarelser).

Your Circular C 2377 - PCT 21

Mr. K. Pfanner, Deputy Director General.

WIPO,

32, chemin des Colombettes,

CH-1211 Genève 20.

Switzerland.

Dear Mr. Pfanner,

In reply to your inquiry of December 19, 1975, concerning collections of patent documents available to developing countries, I regret having to inform you that the Danish Patent Office still has no such collections available.

Yours faithfully

D. Simonsen

Chief of Division.

[Annex F follows]

[L'annexe F suit]

DER PRÄSIDENT
DES DEUTSCHEN PATENTAMTS

8000 MÜNCHEN 2, den March 15, 1976

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Fernruf (0 89) 2 19 51 Fernschreiber 5 23 534
Fernrufdurchwahl (0 89) 21 95 Heusruf
Geschäfts-Nr. 330/10(11)-3.1.3. Bd. XIV 3
Bitte in der Antwort die vorstehende Geschäftsnummer angeben.

Dr. Klaus Pfanner
Deputy Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization (WIPO)
32, chemin des Colombettes

CH - 1211 G e n f 20

Re: Availability of collections of patent documents to
developing countries

Ref.: Circular No 2377 PCT 21 of December 19, 1975

Dear Dr. Pfanner,

As already stated in my answer to Circular 2134 of February 28, 1975, every effort is being made to contribute to the best of our possibilities to technical assistance projects for developing countries by making available patent documents. The collection of documents offered therein is currently updated by including the newly published patent documents and is available for an unlimited period of time.

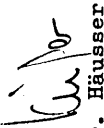
In addition thereto we are in a position to offer you a collection of paper copies of patent documents concerning semi-conductors and covering the classes HO 1L, 29 (without 29/18-28), 21/26-268, and 21/30-326 in numerical sequence, unbound and unclassified, which may be put at your disposal against payment of freight costs and will be available for a period of one year. This collection is recommended in particular in view of completing the search file of the Brazilian Patent Office.

[Annex G follows]
[L'annexe G suit]

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Hoping that this will assist you in your further efforts
I remain

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Häusser

PCT/TAS/VI/4
ANNEXE G/ANNEX G
מדינת ישראל
STATE OF ISRAEL

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
PATENT OFFICE
P.O.B. 767, JERUSALEM

מסדר המשפטים
לשכת המסונקים
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February 1, 1976

Mr. M. Pfanner
Deputy Director General
World International Property Organization
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Switzerland


Your ref. C. 2377
PCT 21

Dear Mr. Pfanner,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th December with enclosure, and the detailed information you were kind enough to supply.

I have to inform you, however, that, at the present time, we have no collection of patents that we are able to offer since the printing of patent specifications is not undertaken in Israel. Further, I cannot see that this position will change in the foreseeable future.

Sincerely yours,


Mayer Gabay

Commissioner of Patents

[Annex H follows]
[L'annexe H suit]

PATENT OFFICE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT


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Dr. A. Pfanner
Deputy Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization
32, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the answer of the Japanese Patent Office in reply to your C. 2377 - PCT 21 dated Dec. 19, 1976.

Yours truly,


Yoshio Nakata
Director General
General Administration Department

Encl:
As stated above

Question I

1. Offer of Japanese Patent Gazettes (Unexamined or Examined):

In the Japanese Patent Office, the number of copies for each issue of Japanese Patent Gazettes (Unexamined or Examined) is decided for each year within the bounds of the budget allocated for that purpose. The above publication plan is subsequently reviewed 3 times each year, revising the annual plan, if necessary, on such occasions.

Therefore, we may not always be able to comply fully to the request by developing countries for offer of Japanese Patent Gazettes (Unexamined or Examined). But if such requests are made well in advance of the publication plan of our Patent Gazettes (Unexamined or Examined), we may be able to offer some copies to developing countries. For the fiscal year 1976, we are ready to offer our Patent Gazettes (Unexamined or Examined) under the following conditions:

(1) If requests by developing countries are made before Sept. 30, 1976, we shall be able to offer to 5 such countries 1 copy each of our gazettes to be issued after Dec. 1, 1976.

(2) Even if such requests are made after Oct. 1, 1976, we shall try to make our gazettes available, but we cannot guarantee such offer at present, as to the date the gazettes become available, etc.

(3) Our gazettes are offered free of charge to those developing countries with which Japan already has an agreement for mutual exchange of patent publications; and the countries with which we have no such agreement shall pay the postage.

(4) In 1976 (calendar year) there will be about 125 issues of Unexamined Patent Gazettes per month, and about 100 issues of Examined Patent Gazettes per month.

2. Offer of abstracts in English of our Unexamined Patent Gazettes (Technological Information for Industrial Development - Patent Applications in Japan):

(1) If there are requests from developing countries by the end of December, 1977, we may be able to offer free one copy each of the above abstracts, published from 1972 to 1975, in bound volumes to 5 such countries.

(2) The publication of the above abstracts in English is delegated to JAPATIC by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. They are abstracts in English selected out of the Unexamined Patent Gazettes, consisting of technologies assumed to be useful for developing countries. The number of such abstracts issued to date are as follows:

Year	No. of abstracts
1972	300
1973	400
1974 - I	230
1974 - II	230
1975 - I	200
1975 - II	200
Total	1,560

Question 2

Not applicable for us.

Luxembourg, le 5 avril 1976.
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Luxembourg Ville**Service
de la Propriété Industrielle**

Références: c/FS

Annexes:

Monsieur le Vice Directeur Général
de l'OMPI
32, chemin des Colombettes
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Monsieur le Vice Directeur Général,

Me référant à votre circulaire C. 2377/PCT 21 du 19 décembre 1975 concernant la recommandation que le comité intérimaire d'assistance technique du PCT a formulé lors de sa cinquième session qui s'est déroulée à Genève du 28 octobre au 3 novembre 1975, j'ai l'honneur de vous signaler que les documents de brevets luxembourgeois qui ne sont pas imprimés n'existent qu'en un seul exemplaire déposé auprès du service de la propriété industrielle. Le Luxembourg ne voit donc pas la possibilité de déférer à la demande de l'OMPI en offrant de mettre à la disposition des pays en voie de développement des collections de documents de brevets luxembourgeois.

Par contre le Luxembourg accepterait volontiers de mettre à la disposition des pays en voie de développement à titre gratuit, des exemplaires de son Journal officiel où sont publiées les données bibliographiques des brevets d'invention délivrés au Grand-Duché.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Vice Directeur Général, l'expression de mes sentiments très distingués.


HOFFMANN J.P.Chef du Service de la
propriété industrielle[Annex J follows]
[L'annexe J suit]

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Vår ref. (bes oppgitt ved svar)

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Dato

22. JUNI 1976

Dear Sir,

This Office has been informed of interest from the Patent Office of Brazil of receiving our paper collection of patents from Australia, The German Democratic Republic and the United Kingdom, as specified in document PCT/TAS/V/2, para.9, 12, and 18c, see also same document Annex O. I am pleased to see these documents are found of value for the building up of search- or documentation files of the Brazilian Office. At the same time I want to express my gratitude for the quick response of the WIPO after the Interim Committees meetings Nov. 3. 1975.

I am happy to inform you that this office still will be able to keep or pay for storage of the collections for a period of time. But in view of the urgent lack of space in this office, I have, concerning the remaining surplus paper collections, see document PCT/TAS/V/2, come to the following conclusion:

1. Parts of paper collections of British patent specifications nos.1/1900 - 1825/1915 and nos. 100 001 - 137 000, Jan.1. 1900 - Dec.31.1919 (242 m. of shelf space), see PCT/TAS/V/2, para 18a and b.

These documents form no part of the PCT minimum documentation, and are considered to be of little (if any) value for documentation purpose, and of less value for the training of personell, since they deal with technical features more than 50 years back in time. I do not see any party that would be interested in the collection. In spite of my feeling that the keeping of this collection is of purely academical interest, my Office will be able to pay for storage of the documents until Aug. 1. 1976. If however no positive indication of interest has been received within this date, or the WIPO is unable to undertake further storage, I regret to state that we are not in the position of keeping the collection any longer, and it will have to be discarded.

2. Paper collection of Swiss Patent specifications nos. 379 400 - 551 730 Aug.14.64 -July. 15. 1974 (90 m.) see PCT/TAS/V/2 para. 17 ii.

I am informed that Switzerland offers four complete paper collections of patent specifications, but I do not know how far any interest has been shown for the Swiss or the Norwegian collections. Since our collection

is not complete, we consider it to be of much less value for documentation purpose than the complete Swiss collections. For training purpose in English- or French speaking (developing) countries our collection seems to be of little value since many of the specifications are published in other languages (German and Italian). My office has facilities for storing this collection until Dec. 1. 1976, but no longer. If, therefore no positive interest has been indicated or if the WIPO will not be in the position to undertake futural storing after Dec.1.1976, the collection will have to be discarded.

3. Paper collection of Belgian Patent specifications no. 675 001 - 731 000 (May 3. 1966 - Aug.15. 1969) (100 m.) see PCT/TAS/V/2 para 9.

These specifications are all published in French, but I really do not know if such a minor part of a collection has any important value for documentation purpose. My office will be in the position to pay for storage until Dec. 1. 1976. If however no positive interest has been shown, or if the WIPO is not able to take the responsibility for further storage, the collection will then have to be discarded.

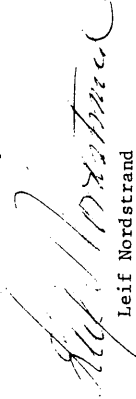
My office reported its surplus paper collections to the WIPO As early as Jan. 9. 1975, and will continue to use "an early warning system" whenever in the future parts of our papercollections will become surplus. Extension of originally indicated time limit has been granted, but since storage space in this office is urgently needed for new documents, our offer has to be limited in time.

I do really hope to receive indications of interest either through the WIPO or directly from any national office or organisation within the time limits indicated above. At present I can see no possibility for further storage.

If any further information is needed, please let me know.

Looking forward to be informed of any interest for our surplus collections of patent specifications, I take pleasure in wishing you good luck in this work.

Yours sincerely



Leif Nordstrand

[Annex K follows]
[L'annexe K suit]

ANNEX

TRANSLATION FROM THE STATE COMMITTEE
FOR INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES OF
THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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14/11-1580/45

March 18, 1976

The replies of the State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries of the USSR Council of Ministers to the questions concerning transmission of files of patent documents to developing countries

re: C 2377
PCT 21

1. Concerning the period of storage of patent documents

The microfilms of patent documents which have been proposed by our Office in reply to the WIPO Circular No. 2134 dated February 28, 1975 are available during unlimited period of time.

2. Concerning other files of patent documents

At the present time our Office has no possibility for transmission of other files of patent documents.

Dear Mr. Pfanner,

I have pleasure in forwarding to you the replies of the State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries of the USSR Council of Ministers to the questions contained in your letter No. C2377/PCT21.

Annex: the above mentioned replies

Yours sincerely,

L. Komarov
Deputy Chairman of the
State Committee

Mr. Pfanner
Deputy Director General
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Глубокоуважаемый господин Цфаннер !

Направляю Вам в приложении ответы Государственного коми-
тета Совета Министров СССР по делам изобретений и открытий
на вопросы, содержащиеся в Вашем письме С 2377/РСТ 21.

С искренним уважением


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Ответы Государственного комитета Совета
Министров СССР по делам изобретений и
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дов патентной документации развивающимся
странам.

на С 2377
РСТ 21

1. Относительно срока хранения патентной документации.

Микрофильмы описаний изобретений, которые были предложе-
ны нашим ведомством в ответ на циркуляр ВОИС № 2134 от 28.02.75,
остаются доступными на неограниченный срок.

2. Относительно других фондов патентной документации.

В настоящее время Государственный комитет Совета Минист-
ров СССР по делам изобретений и открытий не имеет возможности
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December 19, 1975

January 26, 1976

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your circular letter mentioned above.

With respect to point 1. of your questionnaire I can inform you that the situation at our office regarding collections to be used for purposes of technical assistance to developing countries will not change before January 1, 1979 and that the collections mentioned in Circular 2134 of February 28, 1975 can be kept available up to this date.

As to point 2. it may be said that at the moment no other documents are available nor will there be any new documents available for this purpose in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Section
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[Annex M follows]

[L'annexe M suit]



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ANNEXE M/ANNEX M

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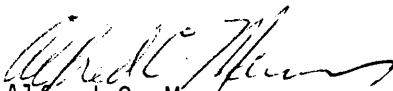
Dear Dr. Pfanner:

This letter is in response to WIPO Circular No. 2377 concerning the availability of patent documents, forming part of the PCT minimum documentation, for developing countries.

We are pleased to advise that arrangements have been made and delivery will soon be effected to Brazil of the collection of patent documents indicated in our April 25, 1975 response to WIPO Circular No. 2134.

At present, we are unaware of the availability of any further collections of patent documents.

Sincerely yours,


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Administrator for Documentation

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