November 20, 1945

Mr. Robert J. Patterson Phillips Petroleum Company Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant requesting me to use my influence to help bring the Patent Office and its facilities from Richmond, Virginia, back to Washington, D.C.

I am one of those who think it was a New Deal blunder to send it down to Richmond in the first place. I find that most patent attorneys here seem to feel that way. My next door neighbor is a patent attorney, and I have heard him say that it is most inconvenient to both him and his clients to have to go to Richmond to take care of these patent matters, which is made still worse on account of the fact that some of the business is taken care of here and some at Richmond.

You may rest assured that I am glad to have your views, and that I shall be happy to do anything I can along this line.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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PATENT DEPARTMENT

G. G. OBERFELL VICE PRESIDENT

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J. A. YOUNG ASSISTANT MANAGER November 16, 1945

Representative George Schwabe House Office Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Subject: Return of Patent Office to Washington

It is imperative that the Patent Office which is now located partially at Richmond, Virginia and partially in the Commerce Building in Washington, be reunited in the latter location.

As a patent attorney, I appeal to you to use your influence to bring about this change in order that the patent system can function in its normal manner whereby reconversion will be aided rather than impeded as under the present condition.

Yours very truly,

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