

Sirs:

I am writing regarding the proposed disposition of paper files proposed in the May 24, 2001 letter.

Regarding the D1 suggestion of offering the collection to another governmental agency, this seems impractical. If any governmental agency is to hold and maintain the collection it should be the PTO. The PTO already has the expertise related to this unique collection. I agree with the proposition that the collection is no longer needed for the PTO function and could be eliminated. However if it merely is to be transferred to another governmental agency, the actual transfer would incur senseless governmental waste (as opposed to the sensible governmental waste we are accustomed to). The maintenance and rent cost associated with the housing and upkeep of the collection can be transferred to the responsible agency so that this does not effect the PTO budget.

Regarding D2, if there are educational facilities or other entities willing to undertake this responsibility this would be a great option. However, in time this third party, as did the PTO, may no longer find the upkeep of this collection possible or viable. How long would the obligation to maintain the collection be for? What happens after they are unable or unwilling to continue in the upkeep?

Regarding D3-D4 seems to make sense if the collection cannot be given to a party that would continue the function of the collection (i.e. D2).

I can attribute the opinions expressed only to me and indeed they may be actually held by me alone.

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