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Mr. Chalmers H. Goodlin  
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Dear Mr. Goodlin:

Your letter of 10 October 1984, directed to Mr. Stanford N. McDonnell, President of McDonnell Douglas, has been referred for response to our Corporate Patent Department since you make reference to "Burnelli Patent and/or proprietary rights."

This will advise that all work by the McDonnell Douglas Corporation toward the development of a STOL F-15 has been accomplished under a contract with the U.S. Department of Defense and more particularly the U.S. Air Force. That contract for a STOL Demonstration Program contains an Authorization and Consent Clause which transfers any liability MDC may have relative to Patents to the U.S. Government. Accordingly, your recourse in this matter would be against the indicated Government Agency and, if dissatisfied with the Agency findings, in an action in the U.S. Court of Claims.

The referred to contract also contains a Notice and Assistance Clause and, in accordance therewith, we are advising the Government of your concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald L. Royer".

Donald L. Royer  
Asst. Chief Patent Counsel

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