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Dear Mr Bernstein,

Re.: Suspension of proceedings for European patent applications 00944619.6,  
00938126.0 and 00955352.0

Ref.: Your e-mails to the Legal Division dated 25 February 2005 and to the President of  
the European Patent Office dated 28 February 2005

We thank you for your letter of 25 February 2005 and your letter dated 28 February 2005,  
addressed to the President of the European Patent Office which has been forwarded to the  
Legal Division for reasons of responsibility.

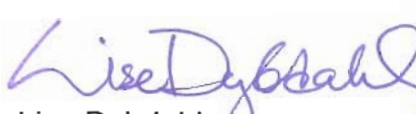
As far as the allegations against the European Patent Office are concerned we can  
confirm, after having given the utmost consideration to your case, that the proceedings  
were conducted in full accordance with the provisions laid down by the European Patent  
Convention.

However, should you not share the opinion of the Office in substance you are entitled to  
request an appealable decision of the competent department, which is subject to appeal  
with the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office.

With regard to the various allegations you made against professional representatives before the European Patent Office, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that issues of conduct must be initiated with the Institute of professional representatives.

We hope that this information clarifies the situation and remain

Yours sincerely

  
Lise Dybdahl  
Director

