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Dear Vic,

This letter is written in response to your letter of September 26, 1995, which requested that Intermec confirm to the IEEE that we will provide licenses for any patents or patents pending which we may hold which are relevant to the proposed IEEE 802.11 standard. In that regard:

Intermec does not believe that they currently hold any patents, nor have any pending patent applications, which conflict with any technologies outlined in the proposed standard, as of October 26, 1995. In the event that patents issue to, or are acquired by, Intermec in the future which Intermec believes will read on devices operating under the proposed IEEE 802.11 Standard, Intermec will (upon written request from any third party) grant a nonexclusive, nontransferable sole and personal license under any such issued patent on a nondiscriminatory basis, on terms and conditions which Intermec deems reasonable.

This letter does not grant any right to the IEEE with respect to Intermec copyrights or other intellectual property rights that relate to the proposed standard. Any party interested in the license described above may write to Mr. L. David Rish, Intermec's Intellectual Property law counsel, Attn: Legal Department, MS 530, at the address on this letterhead.

In a related issue, Intermec would like to know what the IEEE's official position is with regard to the P802.11 committee's efforts to work around patents. It is our understanding that the IEEE requires that the 802.11 committee make a good faith effort to exclude patented technologies if possible. Since there has been virtually no early disclosure of patent issues, how is the committee to make a good faith effort to not include such technologies? We appreciate your timely response to this question.

Sincerely,

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