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Message:

1. If an experimental license is granted, I would be responsible for controlling the transmitter and conducting the transmissions within a controlled environment on a Non-Interference Basis only, and to demonstrate proof-of-concept of provisionally patented concept.

2. I am submitting on behalf of myself and will explain more in response #4.

3. I do not recall what the options were, but I have not established a business entity, out of Ethics concerns for outside employment, and am not applying as a government entity. I am applying in my individual capacity as a researcher with extensive background in Electronic Warfare in the Air Force (RC-135V/W), Big Safari with Air Force Material Command, and as a previous Air Force contractor - Program Integrator with L3Harris in Greenville, Texas.

4. Since I was going through the patent prosecution myself in my own capacity I was planning on addressing potential conflict of interest issues by providing free use license to the U.S. government; however, upon review of Ethics guidelines, I would not be able to do that. In fact, your email asking me about that made me double-check and reach out to ICE Ethics out of an abundance of caution. I want to be clear that I am not applying in my official capacity and that it was not my intention to suggest that. I had a thorough review of the project done by Senior Counsel Paul Ehrman (Ethics Division, Office of the Principle Legal Advisor, Paul.S.Ehrman@ice.dhs.gov) who indicated that the project is not at the point of a concern for ethics, provided that I do not establish a separate incorporated entity without an approval for outside activity first. Their reasoning was that I would not be able to represent a separate legal entity before the federal government; however, since I am applying in my personal capacity, there are no issues on their end for self-representation.

I have my correspondence with Ethics available to forward, if necessary, I did not see a place that I could attach the correspondence here on this page. I will also be navigating with the Department of Commerce for a commodity jurisdiction and ECCN shortly. I am trying to make sure I do this properly to all of the relevant parties and have been keeping thorough physical documentation through the whole process. It took me close to 30 days to respond simply because I wanted to make sure I was clear with Ethics before I made any incorrect representations. If there is anything else that you need from me, please let me know and I will do my best to get you that information expeditiously.