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Dear Sirs,

Our firm obtains well over 90% of its business in prosecuting foreign origin patent applications, and the proposals for treatment of such applications are deeply troubling.

Firstly, the proposed delay in handling foreign origin applications could produce a hiatus in our work flow that could conceivably cause us major difficulties. We have too little domestic origin work to keep even one of our professionals busy.

Secondly, the proposed reply, or really pseudo reply, to the first foreign office action on the merits, would require knowledge of foreign patent law that we do not possess. Most of our clients are in the Far East, and their statutes are written in character sets that we cannot read, much less understand. Although English translations of such statutes generally exist, they often cannot be meaningfully deciphered even after translation into English. In particular, with regard to rejections or objections of a purely formal character, the English versions of, for example, the Taiwanese rules, often convey little or no meaning to us. I would think we would probably have no choice but to pepper such 'replies' with a stock phrase such as 'Rule not understood after translation into English'. If our clients were in countries that used Indo-European languages expressed in the Roman alphabet this would not be such a major problem, but most of them are not.

I understand that there is an opportunity to discuss this on July 20th. Please put my name down as interested in attending.

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