

Charles J. Bell to Bell.

Washington, D.C., March 8, 1909:- Your telegram of the 6th reached me on the 7th, being delayed I presume on account of the tremendous storm which greeted the incoming of Mr. Taft as President on March 4th, and which did a great deal of damage to our telegraph and telephone lines.

The Bulletin NO. 34 of March 1st reached me on the fourth, but on account of it being inauguration week I did not have time to read it until yesterday, Sunday.

I am very clearly of the opinion that plan No. 1 is the only feasible one to follow at the present time. The Association having no patents, not even an application for one on file in the Patent Office, would make it impossible to interest outside parties at this time, and even if men could be interested financially it would entail a moral obligation on you and your associates to see that the inventions, which you claim to have made, were in fact patentable and do not infringe on the inventions of others, which position of course you would not care to assume.

Taking it for granted that plan No. 1 would be adopted, I can only make one or two suggestions as to the detail of organization.

One: I do not know whether the laws of New York are as favorable as those of West Virginia for such an organization. This should be looked into by a corporation lawyer before final decision as to the State is made.