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Dear Wright:

It was good to talk with you yesterday by phone and to discuss items in the microhistory of MPL's for plutonium brought up in your letter of March 9, 1971.

By great good fortune today I found my 1948-1950 Los Alamos folder. Mary Margaret has made xerox copies of the letters and telephone memos concerning the December 1949 to February 1950 flurry on the MPL for plutonium. It's all enclosed and it brings back many memories.

So far I have found here no trace of my notes from the MRC meeting in July or August 1950 at Buckland House. I do recall that 15 or 20 of us, including some wives, spent several days and nights at Buckland House discussing radiobiological effects and probable MPL's for a number of radionuclides. It is entirely possible that our telephone conversation which you recall may have been about August 1950 and may have included confirmations of the type of reasoning which you, Austin, Shields, and I had been going through earlier in 1950.

It is hard to remember just who was present at Buckland House but my memory is that it included John Cockcroft, Hal Gray, Bill Spiers, John Marley, Sir Ernest Rock-Carling, and very probably John Loutit. When I get back to Scottsdale next week I will look there in the one possible place where Buckland House residues might be found. I will let you know promptly if I find anything, but don't hold your breath.

and I hope that you and [redacted] can spend some time with us in [redacted] on April 12, or whenever it is. We have a comfortable guest room and you would be most welcome if you find you can stay over. Keep me posted.

With warmest regards.

Cordially yours,



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