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Dr. C. J. Rodden, Director
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Dear Dr. Rodden:

A few years ago when you were holding meetings in Washington to discuss analytical methods for beryllium and beryllium oxide, I recall that some producers of BeO not only supplied this material with extremely high purity, but also supplied material of commercial or production grade that was used for analysis by various laboratories while developing procedures for various impurities.

I am writing to find out if you are in a position to furnish us information on the purity that can be expected of BeO now being made in lots of say, several pounds. Actual impurity analyses, if available, would be very desirable and also the name of the producer.

We would also like to know who, in your opinion, produces commercial material of the highest purity.

In the event that present commercial grades do not have the required purity, which producer do you think would be in a position to make several pounds of high purity material.

There is a certain amount of urgency in this matter. A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Original Signed by
C. F. METZ

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