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Organization of Group E-10

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Just to confirm our conversation of a few days ago and in advance of formal reorganization of the D. E. Project, which is coming in a few days and which will formalize these arrangements, I wish to set down the new organization of the S-site.

A new Group, denoted probably as E-10, will be organized shortly, whose leader will be Major Stevens. Among its responsibilities will be that of running S-site plant, and coordinating its activities with those of other parts of the D. E. Project, namely, E-5 and E-9 Groups, and certain special projects. Major Stevens is deputizing his authority at S-site to Captain Ackerman, who will be in complete charge of the entire establishment. Captain Ackerman, as I understand, is planning to have under him two parallel branches--one, development and production, which, we hope, you will be in charge of; the other, research and control in charge of which we shall have Lt. Hopper, about whom I told you when we talked together.

I am quite convinced that, in view of the unavoidable expansion and branching out of activities of the S-site, this organization is the only sound one, and I hope that you will find it possible to operate within it. Not only I, personally, but also Major Stevens and Captain Ackerman have complete confidence in your technical abilities, but we are all convinced that for successful accomplishment of our aims it is necessary to sub-divide activities and provide a systematic organization. This will make it possible for all concerned to keep their heads above water.

May I suggest that you discuss the details of the organization further with Captain Ackerman, who will set down the responsibilities and the authority of everyone concerned.

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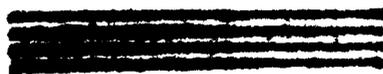
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