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DATE 9 July 1945

TO: Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer
FROM: Major Ralph Carlisle Smith
SUBJECT: Reduction to Practice

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In response to my memorandum of 6 June 1945, a copy of which was sent to you, Captain T. O. Jones informed me that General Groves has decided the matter of accumulating the information for proving reduction to practice of the many inventions involved in the coming "experiment" at Trinity should be handled by you. He has also directed that I advise you as to information needed.

Although the earlier memorandum gives the desired information, I submit the following outline for your convenience.

To prove the reduction to practice, it is requested that at least one (and preferably more than one) individual who meets the below stated requirements, prepare a full report on the complete "experiment". Interested parties can give valuable information but for satisfactory corroboration one report should be by a competent disinterested individual who is an eye witness to the experiment from the beginning of assembly through the firing and recording of the results. This individual should understand the nature and operation of the experiment, but should not be one who is probably an inventor of any phases thereof. This probably disqualifies individuals such as yourself, Neddermeyer, Von Neuman, L. Johnston, Kistiakowsky. He should be ready to certify that the tangible records of results of firing were those actually obtained.

If the Patent Group can be of further assistance in this matter, please call on us.

Ralph Carlisle Smith
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CC: Captain R. A. Lavender (USN)
Captain T. O. Jones
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Per *Memo dated 6/29/77*
By *L. M. Redman*

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