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TO: Messrs. Fussell, Greison, Lofgren, and
F. Oppenheimer.

FROM: J. R. Oppenheimer.

In the past, work on detonating systems and firing systems for the Fat Man has not been under a single jurisdiction. It seems to me desirable that these problems, as well as the problems of the design and procedure in this part of the assembly, should be most closely coordinated, not only for the immediate crisis but for future planning. I believe, that is, that the whole system, after primary fusing and up to the explosives charge, should be considered as a unit. For these reasons I should like to ask you to serve as a committee to consider the integration of all components here involved.

It is clear that Groups X-5, X-7, and G-7 must be represented at all meetings of this Committee. It will probably not be possible for Mr. Oppenheimer to attend all meetings in the near future, and you should feel free to invite anyone to meet with you who can contribute to the effectiveness of your deliberations. Decisions reached by the Committee or recommendations proposed by them should be transmitted to Messrs. Bacher and Kistiakowsky, Captain Parsons, Commander Bradbury, and myself.

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