

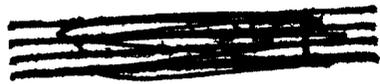
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Major General L. R. Groves
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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Groves:

I regret that my attendance at the Information Meetings in Oak Ridge prevented me from seeing Colonel Roper during his recent visit to this site. However, he discussed with Colonel Betts certain problems which Colonel Betts subsequently passed on to me.

(1) The matter of Dr. Titterton: I have no way to ask him to leave this project and would be entirely unwilling to do so. He is fulfilling an important job as group leader of our electronic group (responsible for the design, construction, and repair of research electronic equipment) and I shall lose him with the greatest reluctance. The situation as it now stands, in which he has no access to documents or classified developments to which he has not previously had access, while not particularly pleasant, is nevertheless not unsatisfactory. It is my impression that he might consider American citizenship eventually. I believe if it is considered imperative that he be removed from the project prior to the establishment of a Commission, that the action must originate in a communication from your office to the British Mission.

(2) The matter of Witch Hazel: the delivery situation is improving resulting in a considerable increase in fabrication as will be shown by Reports K-36, K-37, N-36 and N-37. The additional supply promised by General Electric Company will be extremely useful.

(3) The matter of a Test Division: I am disappointed in the general antipathy to this problem. Unless there is an active program of testing atomic weapons, the reason for existence of this laboratory becomes very questionable. It is doubtful if an adequate test program can be planned and executed in less than a year, and will further require the active collaboration of both Army and Navy technical installations. If tests are to be carried out next summer, the planning time is already short.

(4) Our Intelligence Office has been informed of your instructions regarding the classification of a proposed test site.

(5) Communications with Admiral Parsons, USN: in accordance with your instructions, these will be handled through your office

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in the future unless they are of a personal nature.

(6) Development of an underwater weapon: I propose to consider the general problem of atomic bomb ordnance engineering in a separate letter. However, the contamination from a sub-surface atomic weapon is almost entirely due to the fission products, and the contamination from the plutonium (in spite of post-Crossroads hysteria) practically negligible. Under these circumstances, a contamination from a 25 weapon comparable to that at Bikini would be expected.

(7) C-97 Program: The directive on this subject has been transmitted to Z Division and to Sandia.

Yours truly,

N. E. Bradbury
Director

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cc: Col. Gee

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