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Dear Dr. Bradbury:

Recently we were startled to receive, on standard distribution, one of our own papers entitled "Gamma Rays From Po and Measurement of Po in Gamma Rays" by Sergio de Benedetti. The paper was dated January 25, 1945, but bears the number LAMS-205t. Since de Benedetti and his co-workers did all the work described therein here in Dayton and did not leave our employ until a year after the date given, it is obvious that the paper should be credited to us and not to Los Alamos.

Similarly we received, a few days later, notice of another of de Benedetti's papers claimed by Los Alamos, with the number LAMS-203. This is entitled "Neutron Emission from Radioactive Gaseous Mixtures" and is also dated January 25, 1945. We sent for a copy of this report and found that it too is word for word and line for line (in the case of graphs and sketches) the paper filed long ago in our Central Files by de Benedetti.

I do not for a minute believe this was intentional. In the days in question it was the custom for Dr. J. H. Lum, then Laboratory Director, to send to Los Alamos a copy of many reports written by our men. It is probable that your librarian in going over these old records somehow got the idea that they originated at Los Alamos. Be that as it may, I do request that you cause to be circulated to all sites on standard distribution a statement that, through mischance, these two papers should be credited to Dayton rather than to Los Alamos.

Both papers were and are still marked "Secret," so there has been no breach of security. Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

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M. M. Haring,  
Laboratory Director.

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