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FOLDER Polonium Injections

Dear Major Donnell:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 14 June 1946 (EIDMK-80, md 319.27 Res.) in which was discussed the possibility of declassifying certain compounds. We should like to raise again the question of declassifying our polonium studies inasmuch as the original decision on the subject may have been due to a misapprehension as to the nature of the work.

The volume of which the polonium studies will be a part deals with biological aspects of three alpha-emitters, including distribution and excretion studies with polonium and radium, and lethal dose determinations for polonium, radium, and plutonium. The work has been carried out with less than two millicuries of polonium, an amount obtainable with relative ease before the war, and accordingly it would appear that the requirements of the Responsible Reviewer's Declassification Guide could be met in reporting these studies.

May we now plan to send the volume to Dr. Hymer L. Friedell for review when it is completed?

Sincerely yours,

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