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Dear John:

I haven't seen you in a long time, and I thought perhaps I should discuss with you in more detail the developments of our Archives of Radiation Biology which, as you know, the University of Tennessee is setting up with the blessings of the Division of Biology and Medicine of AEC. For the past 12 months I have visited a number of laboratories and have collected a considerable amount of material. I have many of George Hevesy's papers, his correspondence with Rutherford and Niels Bohr, and many other things from his collection, including records of his work in Freiburg. The Niels Bohr Institute is preparing copies of these things for me, and Hilde Levi is letting me have old records of work she did with Hevesy. I hope to get considerable material from Mrs. Hevesy, also. This should be as good a collection of George Hevesy's records as can be found anywhere.

You will remember, I once tried to get together with you to see what we could do to obtain copies of records of the Donner Laboratory, which has such an excellent history that should be preserved. I think the UT Archives of Radiobiology would be the proper place. When I was last there, you were out of town, and I did not know the person with whom I should discuss this. I would greatly appreciate your letting me know whom I should contact. I would be glad to spend a week or two in Berkeley to go over the material and prepare it for inclusion in the Archives. We would simply make xerox copies of those items you wish to retain there. Adequate funds are available to pay for this, and it is important that it be done before someone without the background to know their value discards these records and they are lost.

I could come to San Francisco sometime early next year or later, if necessary, and work with you and other people at Berkeley in regard to these records. Would you please let me know when would be a suitable time?

Best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander

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