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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dr. Donald Cooksey
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Dear Don:-

I am hoping to hear from you or Ernest today in answer to my longhand appeal for personnel, mailed May 25. In the meantime your note of May 27 has come, and I regretfully see I was remiss in acknowledging your confidential Omaha letter, which arrived on schedule and raised our hopes considerably. File MIT

K. T. Compton and myself had a long and profitable conversation with James Ewing May 19, while in New York to interview the Markle group. By now you must have a copy of K. T. Compton's letter of May 25 to Hektoen which I ghost-wrote to report Ewing's enthusiastic understanding of the iodine work, and his spontaneous and unprompted request that we reopen the application to the National Advisory Cancer Council. Of course we wrote Ewing and Hektoen again May 27, reporting the Markle gift, cancelling our request for a new hearing, and suggesting that we might apply again after the Cyclotron is built, when I will need to draw in operating expenses. All this should bring you up to date on the affairs of the Council. There is much more to be reported, but it must await a closed conversation.

Doubtless the next few weeks will see our letters crossing in the mail many times, so this will be blanket apology for all duplication. As I hope my telegram and letter made clear, this cyclotron erection job will be a test whether or not the cyclotron is now a piece of standard equipment, a laboratory tool, which can be put up by your experts in a short time, at reasonable expense, and without undue local development work or duplication of effort. There is much more to this proposition than meets the casual eye. I rely on receiving from you the necessary personnel, plans, advice, etc.

With best wishes and warmest personal regards.

Cordially,

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