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Vice President Bolton:

Attached are materials relating to the forthcoming razing of Crocker Laboratory and the removal of the 60-inch cyclotron to Davis.

I should like to call your attention to the following:

1. The correspondence from former Chancellor Seaborg to W. W. Crocker in which the former stated he was searching for an appropriate way of perpetuating the name of the late Regent and donor of the funds for the Crocker Laboratory building. It has been found that it was not possible to name an AEC installation, such as the 88-inch cyclotron, after the late Mr. Crocker. I believe the matter has come to the attention of the President's staff, at some point, but I am not sure. I believe the suggestion may be under consideration to name the installation at Davis after Mr. Crocker. Other ideas have included a plaque on or in the new chemistry building on the site of the present Crocker laboratory. You may already be aware of Davis' plans. You may wish to confer with Dr. McMillan, Dr. John Lawrence, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Fidler regarding some appropriate way of continuing Mr. Crocker's name, especially if it is not deemed appropriate at Davis. If so, I shall be glad to arrange a meeting.

2. The razing of Crocker appears to be set for June. The cyclotron in Crocker has been a memorable scientific instrument. The outline of work at Crocker, dated June, 1958, gives some idea of the contributions made possible by this machine. To summarize, it undoubtedly has been the most productive cyclotron in history. You may wish to suggest calling this event to the attention of the Regents at that time in some special way. I had planned to do a news story at that time which would announce the forthcoming removal and recount the place of the machine in nuclear research.

Naturally, I shall be glad to adapt the story to any plans you may wish to develop. I believe it will make a good feature story that will receive wide attention.

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CROCKER LABORATORY

From 1939 until 1962 the William H. Crocker Laboratory housed the 60-inch cyclotron facilities and some of the research activities of the Biology and Medicine Division of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. In 1962 the 60-inch machine ended an historic period of nuclear research, including the discovery and production of artificial radioelements and radioisotopes, additional broad studies in physics and chemistry and the initiation of new basic studies in radiobiology and the diagnosis and treatment of disease. The magnet of the instrument was transferred to the Davis campus, where it is being remodeled for use in a new William H. Crocker Laboratory on that campus.

The research activities formerly conducted with the 60-inch cyclotron are now being performed with other facilities in the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, notably the 88-inch cyclotron and the Heavy Ion Linear Accelerator. With the exception of one research group, concerned with radiotoxicity and metabolic behavior of radioelements, the scientific activities of Crocker Laboratory have been removed to other installations of the Biology and Medicine Division of Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

Part of Crocker Laboratory has been demolished to make way for new campus development, and the remainder is scheduled for removal in the near future.

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