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REPLYING TO YOUR REFERENCE:

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Dear Ernest:

We have had some inkling from one or two large electrical manufacturing companies that orders coming into them from your project are going to force them to delay or cancel orders for equipment for us. It is to be expected, of course, that sooner or later the electronic requirements resulting from the work of the two Radiation Laboratories are going to come into conflict in certain companies. In particular, we have spent a good deal of time in training General Electric engineers to make special types of pulse transformers, and we had planned on their being the chief supplier of such transformers for the radar industry. Now we foresee some possibility that they may not be able to continue with this commitment. We are now, of course, on the lookout for another supplier whom we can get set up in business.

We should like to avoid, in so far as possible, such conflicts in the future. I think it might be desirable if the people concerned with production problems in your organization and ours got together to explore the question of how large electrical and electronic equipment orders are likely to be forthcoming during the next year, and upon what companies they are most likely to descend and on what kind of a schedule deliveries would be required from your end. This would enable us to avoid the peak load period on the companies involved and to seek other sources of supply.

Mr. Dan White, the acting head of our Transition Office and a former Californian, whom you know, I believe, is going to be in San Francisco on January 4 and will pass through there again on January 8 or 10. I am taking the liberty of asking him to get in touch with you by telephone on January 4, and I would appreciate it if you would talk with him briefly about this problem and would then put him in touch with Don Cooksey and others in your organization that are in contact with production problems.

It is not desired, of course, that the nature or scope of your work be discussed with Mr. White, but I think you can see that a few facts about your general production load would help us greatly in avoiding future conflicts. He is working closely with WPB on the production planning problems in the radar field, and some hints of possible conflicts have come through the WPB office.

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to Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence

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You may be sure that White will retain in confidence whatever you can tell him, but if, for any reason, you find that you cannot discuss the matter with him at all, do not hesitate to inform him to this effect when he calls you. In any case, we will sincerely appreciate any help you can give, for I think there will be mutual advantages to both of us in avoiding conflicting loads on particular manufacturers.

Aren't you ever going to come Boston way again and spend more than fifteen minutes with us? We would love to see you again. With best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. A. DuBridge

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Director

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CC: D. G. White

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