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Mr. Roger Williams, Chemical Director
Ammonia Department
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
Wilmington, Delaware

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Dear Mr. Williams:

In connection with the work of Dr. Calvin, University of California, relating to chelates for the NDRC oxygen program, it has become desirable to obtain a laboratory method for the dehydrogenation of cyclohexanol and cyclohexanone to phenol.

It is our understanding that there is little in the literature in which a simple laboratory procedure for this purpose is described. Inas much as your Company has worked out such a commercial process it is our thought that you could possibly give the details of a simple catalytic process from your laboratory experience for use in this war effort.

You are, I am sure, familiar with the urgency of the oxygen program, and anything you can do to help or any suggestions you can make would be greatly appreciated.

By sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Melvin Calvin, University of California, Berkeley, California, I am suggesting that you communicate with him directly, sending me a copy, in order to save time.

Very truly yours

F. S. Bacon

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CC - Dr. Melvin Calvin ✓
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