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Dear Speed:

Section B-7 is engaged in a study of certain chelated compounds for use in connection with problems involving oxygen supply. For this work they are in need of certain compounds. Thus, Dr. Calvin, who is an associate of Dr. Latimer's, has suggested that perhaps Section B-3 could furnish him with the following compounds:

- 200g o-aminobenzaldehyde
- 200g a-pyrrolaldehyde
- 100g bis(o-aldehydophenyl)ethylenediamine

It is expected that other intermediates will be desired later.

I discussed this matter with Dr. Stevenson, Monday evening and I find that it might be advisable to establish a contract with some California institution for carrying out this synthetic work and he specifically suggested Dr. Geissman as the official investigator. The advantage of such an arrangement would be the possibility of close contact with Dr. Calvin who is located at Berkeley. However, I have checked our files as well as those of the Secretary's office and find that Geissman is not cleared nor has his name been previously submitted. In view of this fact the synthesis of the above compounds would be needlessly delayed if we were to await the clearance of Geissman and the establishment of a contract with his institution.

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday evening it would therefore seem advisable to assign the synthesis of the three compounds mentioned to Professor Lee Smith at Minnesota. In the interim, we will submit the names of Geissman and his associate, Jacobs, for expedited clearance. Would you be

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good enough to take care of the letter which Dr. Adams must write (according to the enclosed administrative circular 12.02) as well as of the usual biographical data mentioned in office memorandum No. 5?

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Kirner  
Technical Aide to Division B

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CC to Dr. Stevenson  
Dr. Calvin  
Dr. Furnas (suspense folder)

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