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For The Atomic Energy Commission

*H. F. Carroll*  
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Dear Joe:

You know that we have been interested in polonium sources. That interest is on the wax and not the wane. Since we would like to be able to prepare a number of sources and take the maximum advantage of the material that you have available, I am making a request which may be hard for you to fulfill, but to which I should like to give a very high urgency. If it is necessary for us to approach anyone else who has an interest in your material, I should be glad to help do that, and if any sort of official pressure is needed I believe we can make that available too.

What we should like is to have your solution of RaD here at the site and to have your permission to separate the RaD and the Po from the impurities that have accumulated during the previous Po separations. Will you let me know just as soon as you can whether this can be arranged and what we need to do to expedite it. We should like to have the solutions and the residues and the main solution, i.e., the whole works. We should like to have it not later than June 15. I should have preferred to discuss this with you, but I cannot get to Berkeley for some time yet and for that reason I am writing.

There are some questions that have come up in connection with the ingestion of fission activities which I should like very much to talk over with you. I shall let you know when I plan to be in Berkeley so that we won't miss each other.

With all greetings,

*Robert*

Robert Oppenheimer

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