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Oak Ridge, Tennessee
 February 17, 1956.

Mr. A. A. Kucher
 Director, Scientific Laboratory
 Ford Motor Company
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Dear Mr. Kucher:

It is regretted that I missed your men when they were in Oak Ridge to look at the swimming pool reactor. I wasn't here when you called to make arrangements and didn't know exactly when they would arrive in town. I was on the way back from Washington and I understand they left early because of flying weather conditions.

I understand however from Mr. Phillips that the group saw everything they wanted. Part of the time the swimming pool reactor was operated at 1000 KW, and this should be taken into consideration when thinking of how well the glow could be seen. On the other hand the tank is not painted white. You could probably get approval and it would be safe to operate your reactor at several 100 KW.

I regretted that your group did not get to see the American Museum of Atomic Energy here. This would have given them some good ideas for exhibits which would go along with your reactor. Enclosed are a few sketches we have here of suggestions we have made for the Museum, some of which involve audience participation and animation.

The State Department's International Cooperation Agency has had a good deal of experience in making up atomic energy exhibits. They have had traveling exhibits for India, Japan, Germany, South America, etc. Also the Department of Commerce has made up exhibits for large trade fairs. A Mr. Schlenk from that Department was here recently gathering material for the World Trade Fair at Milan this summer. He was making contracts with a large number of organizations which use radioisotopes to make up exhibits for the Fair on their work. You might be able to gain from some of this experience.

When your group is ready to discuss specific exhibits we would be glad to be of assistance. I would like however to be here when you visit. Hoping to see you again soon. With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Aebersold

P.S. My heartiest congratulations to Mr. Breech for the excellent job done by the McKimsey Panel. The report is beautifully written and full of much valuable information. I found the material furnished by you and others at the Ford Company to be most interesting.

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February 21, 1956

Dr. Paul C. Aebersold
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Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your sketches of possible audience participation exhibits. I am certain we shall want to discuss these and other specific exhibits with you and your associates at Oak Ridge rather soon. Our immediate urgent problems are, as you may well guess, the preparation of a hazards report and the acquisition of a license to have the fuel elements fabricated.

The Ford group who visited Oak Ridge was well received and found the trip most informative. We now have a much better picture of the intensity of the glow we can expect from our reactor operating at about 100 KW.

I am certainly pleased that you have found the McKinney report so useful and informative. I too believe the report will serve as a valuable guidepost for the full exploitation of atomic energy in this country.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

A. A. Kueher, Director
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