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Dr. Paul C. Aebersold, Director
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Dear Dr. Aebersold:

I was very much interested in your letter of September 9th, following up your conversation with me last week at Oak Ridge.

Even before receiving your letter I had been giving a lot of thought to your statement, and I am in the process of formulating a program at the Ford Motor Company on which one of our officers may shortly contact you to discuss it. I think the plan that I have in mind, if it is possible to bring it to fruition, will be right down the line that you are thinking, except that it will be on a scale that would create tremendous public interest.

The purpose of this memorandum, in addition to acknowledging receipt of your letter and to tell you how happy I was to meet you last week, is to tell you that I definitely have you in mind as a key individual in this plan. I hope there will not be reason for unusual delay in being able to lay this proposition before you.

I hope that I shall be in a position to request you to come to Dearborn in the near future to discuss it with you, possibly even prior to one of our individuals coming to see you. If this materializes, we should, of course, be happy to pay your expenses.

Since you have indicated to me that you would make yourself available, I feel free in advising you that we have a definite interest.

Sincerely,



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ORO STAFF MEETING

Sept. 6, 1955

Geneva Conference. Large technical attendance - 800 press.

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- 1.1. U. S. Lead in peace campaign
 2. U. S. also in peaceful uses of atom
 3. Tended to detract from our previous weapons emphasis.
- 2.1 World-wide interest and participation
 2. Satisfaction by all delegations
- 3.1 Good showing made by U. S. S. R.
 2. Constructive and cooperative attitude toward conference
 3. Sincere and amiable discussions with Delegates
 4. Good work on uses of isotopes - particularly in fundamental science and industrial Co 60 units
 5. Good technical and public exhibit
USA needed all 3 exhibits - Reactor, technical, and commercial exhibits (USIA) to compete.
- 4.1 Good showing by other nations
 - 2 UK technical exhibit excellent - much progress in reactors
 - 3 UK commercial and public exhibit exceeded ours
 - 4 French, Swedish, Swiss, Italian, etc. - auxilliary equipment
 - 5 German commercial exhibits good - auxilliary equipment
- 5.0 International competition will be keen
 - 1 European countries can much more easily do business among themselves
 - 2 U.S.A. markets lie in S. A., near east, far east
 - 3 German chemical industry in AE coming fact
- 6.0 Visits to AE Commissions
 - 1 Visit to Saclay (French)
 - 2 Visit to Spanish AEC
 - 3 Visit to Portugese AEC
- 7.0 Some conclusions
 - 1 USSR not outstanding but doing what a large technical country would be expected to do.
 - 2 European countries will give us much competition in AE for power.
 - 3 Program of foreign scientists coming over here excellent - but need a program for more contacts abroad by our own AE scientists.

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