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Mr. E. J. Ctoski,
Director, Budget Division,
Santa Fe Operations Office,
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Ctoski:

The last two budget calls from SFOO have requested detail on beryllium procurement by weight and cost. As pointed out in our previous conversations with you and Horsch Martin, we do not understand what is needed in the way of beryllium inventory forecasts.

In the first place, the beryllium which reaches the Laboratory in the greatest amounts by weight and cost is that which is pressed by Brush and machined by them or forwarded to Oak Ridge where it is machined to our specifications. In the latter instance, finished parts are sent to us and the turnings returned to Brush for credit. We are billed by Brush for the total value of the pressed beryllium and are given credit later when the scrap is received by Brush. At the present time we are picking up the total weight of the pressed beryllium as though it were received at Los Alamos, and subsequently recording a credit by weight and cost. The total cost as picked up on the LASL books includes the cost of machining the beryllium by Oak Ridge which could, I suppose, be considered a contractual service rather than a cost of the beryllium going through the inventory.

When Brush performs the machining, the charges for the machining and for the finished pieces of metal only, are picked up on the LASL books.

Aside from the beryllium which comes in from Oak Ridge and Brush, we receive quantities in the form of 7/8-inch rod as fabricated by Kaufman at M.I.T. The part of this rod that is useful for further

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fabrication at Mounds Laboratory is forwarded to them (and some may be used for research at Los Alamos), whereas the rejected stock is returned to Brush for scrap value.

As you can see, we will need some definitive help from you as to what beryllium is supposed to be budgeted for by the Laboratory by weight, and what costs are to be budgeted as costs of beryllium as such. This is necessary to enable us to make up our schedule of estimates, as well as of actual experience in 1952-1953 concerning beryllium inventory activities at LASL.

Very truly yours,

L. G. Hawkins,
Budget Officer

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