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Brigadier General P. T. Cullen
11th Reconnaissance Division
Topeka Airforce Base
Topeka, Kansas

Dear General Cullen:

Reference is made to the preliminary discussion between you and Mr. W. K. Graham, Chief, Security Branch, Los Angeles Area Office, AEC, regarding the possibility of arranging for the use of a movie crew to take pictures of a classified, unusual experiment in nuclear chemistry which was scheduled for early this year.

I am sorry to have delayed writing this confirming letter but it was necessary to wait for the final plans and schedule of Professor Seaborg's group before formalizing the request. It is now established that the experiment will begin about May 26.

This experiment will be unique in that it will involve a higher unit activity than any previously handled material and the technique will be of considerable interest to personnel interested in handling highly radioactive materials. Professor Seaborg, who will be in charge of the experiment, is a leader in this field and a member of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Due to the high radioactivity expected and the resulting hazard to the safety of a movie crew and their equipment, as well as the probability of securing better picture quality, it has been decided to take pictures of the operation during what may be called the "dress rehearsal." This rehearsal is scheduled to start about May 16 and will continue until the actual experiment begins.

If it is possible we would like to have the services of a small movie crew, with all necessary equipment and film, to record this unusual operation and would appreciate your cooperation in making the necessary

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arrangements. It is suggested, in the event it is possible to make the arrangement, that a representative of the movie crew visit Berkeley prior to May 15 to plan details and estimate technical requirements. He should contact the undersigned at telephone THornwall 3-2740.

Very truly yours, ST. LOUIS ARC

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