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# WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1943.

Dr. J. H. Manley,
Metallurgical Laboratory,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Manley:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Dr. Conant and General Groves in which they have defined as clearly as possible the conditions of operation of the Los Alamos laboratory. I know that you will be very much interested in this letter and I should appreciate it if you would inform those responsible to you -- as listed in Mr. Stevenson's memorandum -- of the contents of this letter and the enclosure.

You will note that these arrangements differ in some respects from those which I outlined in our discussions. I hope that you will not feel that the changes are such as to lead you, or those responsible to you, to reconsider your commitment to the project. You will also note from the enclosure that there are certain phases of the initial organization which have been determined for us. The essential reason for this is that our project is a part of a much larger one that involves a major national commitment. It is my hope that such restrictions as are imposed on us by this will in fact be a help to us rather than a hindrance.

In any event, we must get on with our work. I should like to hear from you at my Berkeley address promptly. I plan to move to the site in the near future and hope to see you there before long.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

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