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February 12, 1944

Brig. General L. R. Groves  
P. O. Box 2610  
Washington, D. C.

HANFORD ENGINEER WORKS

Dear General Groves:

When you were in Wilmington on February 2  
at a meeting in my office we discussed with you the Hanford construc-  
tion schedule. At that time we brought to your attention the approxi-  
mate number of construction employees and camp personnel that would  
be on the site at the start of the first unit and the two additional  
units. It will be necessary to maintain approximately this number  
of employees to meet the proposed schedule as discussed with you.

We are forwarding you herewith two sets of three  
marked maps indicating the number of people associated with our  
construction organization and the distance they will be working  
from the operating units. As you will observe at the start of the  
"B" unit there will be approximately 50,000 people within a 12-mile  
radius of the operating unit.

This large number of people working in so small  
an area in proximity to the operation has made us somewhat apprehensive  
and we would like to know from your office if you consider these  
distances, as given on the attached maps, safe with regard to the  
health hazard involved. We would like to be assured by your office  
that under conditions in which the performance of the operating unit  
did not proceed in a controllable manner and that all of the safety  
control mechanisms fail to function, the distances as given on our  
maps are adequate protection for the health and safety of the employees  
involved.

If these conditions as outlined are considered  
to be satisfactory will you kindly sign the three maps of one set and  
return them to this office.

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DATE: 2/22/61  
For the Atomic Energy Commission

Very truly yours,  
*G. M. Read*  
G. M. Read,  
ASST. CHIEF ENGINEER

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P. O. BOX 2610  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

23 March 1944.

Mr. G. M. Read, Ass't. Chief Engineer,  
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Read:

In reply to your letter of 12 February I am returning herewith a set of three marked maps on which I have placed my signature as you requested. I have discussed this question with the scientific group and as a result of my discussion with them, it is my opinion, as well as theirs, that the distances on the maps ensure proper protection for the health and safety of the employees involved.

Sincerely,

L. R. GROVES,  
Major General, C. E.

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Incls.:

Set of 3 maps.

*attached maps in brown envelope back of file.*

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