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Mr. Carroll L. Wilson, General Manager  
 U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

We should like to inform you of certain developments in the concept of the Trustees of Associated Universities, Inc., as to the scope of the program which would be pursued at Brookhaven National Laboratory. We have conceived of Brookhaven as a research laboratory engaged primarily in pure basic research. It is, however, clearly apparent that a reasonable degree of applied research grows naturally out of and is closely associated with this fundamental research, and we fully expect to undertake a reasonable degree of such applied research. On the other hand, we do not contemplate at Brookhaven getting far toward the other extremity of applied research, namely, engineering development and design.

We realize that the terms used in the above expression are far from exact. In fact, it is probably better not to define these terms too closely. It is our concept that the kind of applied science we are speaking of naturally arises from the inclination of certain scientists, whereas others might be averse to engaging themselves in a project involving any element of application. We expect to have both kinds on our staff.

It is our present belief that the extent of the interest and activity of Brookhaven National Laboratory in applied work can best be defined by specific examples or projects which we would be willing to undertake. It is the present intention of the Director and staff to consult with representatives of the Commission on this subject in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ Edward Reynolds  
 President