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December 19th, 1946

To: Navy Department  
Joint Crossroads Committee  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Edward S. Gilfillan, Jr.

From: Wright Laughon for Morris E. Bradbury

Subject: Paint Samples

Reference: Your letter of 10 December, 1946.

Dear Mr. Gilfillan:

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

The paint samples that you are trying to trace were received and analyzed by me. A report of the analyses of the first group of these samples was sent via two separate secret teletypes through Badnarsey, Oakland Army Air Base to Commander Harris, Bikini CTG 1.2, Hadsafe, P.A.C. One teletype was sent on September 13th and the other on September 3rd, 1946.

It was not clear just where the second set of samples came from, but they were forwarded to me by Dr. Kenneth Scott at Berkeley. Five copies of the report of the analyses of the second group of samples were made on October 10th, 1946. One was retained for our files and the other four classified as SECRET were sent through the Area Engineer at Berkeley to Dr. Kenneth Scott. A letter accompanied the four copies instructing Dr. Scott to retain one for his files, transfer one through the Manhattan Area Engineer to Capt. Walsh, send the third one to Commander Harris and give the fourth copy to the Area Engineer for his files.

On 16 November 1946, I received a letter from Lt. George B. Daniels, Corps of Engineers, Intelligence and Security Officer, Manhattan Engineer District, P. O. Box 559, Berkeley, California, stating that the four copies of the data had been turned over to him by Dr. Scott and per authorization of Col. K. D. Nichols had been classified as TOP SECRET.

I assume from Lt. Daniel's letter that the four copies of the report are still in the Area Engineer's office at Berkeley. In the meantime, I had received a request from Col. Warren that copies of the two secret teletypes and of the report sent to the Berkeley office be made up and one copy sent to Col. Warren's office at Rochester and the other be sent to Dr. Herbert Seville, Building L, Room L-2050, Navy Building, Washington, D.C. These copies were made up and classified as SECRET. This was before I had received the letter requesting that the information be classified as TOP SECRET.

A receipt for the copy sent to Col. Warren was signed for on 12 November, 1946 by Stafford L. Warren. The receipt for the copy sent to Dr.

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Herbert Scoville was signed by a Major W. W. Stone on 13 November, 1948.

This gives the complete record of all reports on the samples you are trying to trace. I assume, then, that there is one complete copy in Dr. Scoville's office in Washington; one complete copy in Col. Warren's office in Rochester; one complete copy in my files here; copies of the first two teletypes in Commander Harris' office and four copies of the second report in the district engineer's office at Berkeley.

Now that the material has been classified as TOP SECRET, I will have to have authorization through Manhattan District security channels to send you the results. I would suggest that you initiate the request through the Washington office of the Manhattan District. I will be very glad to send you a complete report upon receipt of proper authorization.

Very truly yours,

WL/ars  
cc/H.E. Bradbury

Wright Langham