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Dr. D. W. Lillie, Chief
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dave:

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As you know from our discussion on March 31, National Research would like to investigate experimentally some ideas on processes for thorium metal production. In attempting to develop a supply of thorium compounds for this work, we are advised that sales in excess of three pounds per year require license by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Would you please let me know what procedure should be followed in obtaining a license to purchase 20 pounds of thorium in the form of oxide or nitrate? This material would be used by National Research for an experimental study of methods for making thorium metal, and would not be under AEC contract.

If this inquiry should be addressed to someone in the AEC other than yourself, I would appreciate your referring a copy of this letter to the appropriate person.

Sincerely yours,

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