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Dear Dr. Keller:

This is in reply to your letter of February 2, 1956, in which you request information with regard to thorium specifications, analytical procedures and standards for thorium metals.

In our letter of January 20, 1956, we indicated the source of thorium charges and specifications as Technical Information Service, USAEC, Post Office Box 1001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At this time the information has not been assembled for distribution, but we expect that in about two weeks your copy will be sent. Please correspond with us if such is not the case.

Thorium analytical procedures have not been published in report form by AEC except indirectly in the Quarterly Progress Reports of National Lead Company (Fernald, Ohio) and the AEC New Brunswick Laboratory. I would suggest that you contact Technical Information Service, address as above, requesting information on this subject with special reference to these reports. Note that this information is generally Confidential-Restricted Data.

Further, I would suggest that you request a visit to the New Brunswick Laboratory through your AEC field office. Dr. C. J. Rodden of the laboratory may be able to give you information regarding the analytical procedures which are actually used there.

With regard to thorium analytical standards, at present no such standards are available through the AEC. The Division

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of Nuclear Materials Management is responsible for the development of the AEC Standards Program which will provide for analytical standards. Recognizing your interest in the experience of our contractors with internal standards, they suggest that you might discuss this with Dr. Rodden during your visit at New Brunswick. Future inquiries concerning the availability of analytical standards should be addressed to D. F. Musser, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Management, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

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