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Mr. Lawrence D. Low, Director
Division of Compliance
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Low:

You are no doubt aware, as a result of your recent meeting with Messrs. Sorensen and Olson, that some major changes will soon be made in the radioactives program of U. S. Radium. A new facility, limited to the handling of tritium in gaseous form for light sources and in hydride form for targets will be constructed at the present plant site in Pennsylvania, assuming that an evaluation of the situation currently being made by our Health Physicist, Mr. Olson, establishes the feasibility of this location.

United States Radium Corporation will discontinue all processing operations which involve solid isotopes and this phase of the operation has been sold to Electronic Associates of Canada, Ltd., which has established a subsidiary, Nuclear Radiation Developments, Inc., which will pursue this operation in the future in a new plant which is presently being constructed in Grand Island, New York. A limited number of U. S. Radium personnel experienced in the operations involving solid isotopes will accompany the operation to Grand Island whereas the tritium operations in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, will, in the future, be under the supervision of Mr. Orval Olson, whom you met.

The official date of the transfer will be January 1, 1969, although, as is already apparent, there will be some short lapse before the transfer can be complete. Negotiations relative to licensing problems associated with this transfer are presently in progress with the New York State authorities. Revision of U. S. Radium licenses to cover the operations which will be conducted in Bloomsburg will be initiated with the licensing branch within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

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