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Mr. J. S. Delaney
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
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Dear Mr. Delaney:

Under our possession Source Material License No. C-4922 dated November 11, 1957, to receive possession of and title to 900,000 pounds of ore containing up to 3% thorium for storage only, etc., and a subsequent license (Source Material License No. C-4960) for the processing of 900,000 pounds of ore, etc.

The original figure of 900,000 pounds of ore should have been 900 tons of ore. We made no move to correct this error prior to this as the amount of ore in our possession complied with the license. We are now in the process of securing an additional several hundred tons of ore and, therefore, request that Source Material License No. C-4922 be changed to read "900 tons of ore" in place of "900,000 pounds of ore."

As a matter of interest, during the period from the 7th to the 20th of January, some 260 tons of Nigerian ore were processed to carbide; we are now evaluating the data to determine whether any hazards exist or more information is required. In the event that Dr. G. Hoyt Whipple, our consultant on the radiation hazards, feels that more data are required, additional runs will not be scheduled until late in March or early in April. This will necessitate a 30 day extension of the current Source Material License No. C-4960 in order for the second series of runs to be completed.

You may be assured that as soon as we have reached any concrete conclusions, a complete report on the entire operation will be sent to your office in compliance with the request as stated in your December 22 cover letter.

Since considerable planning is required prior to making one of these carbide runs, we would appreciate your earliest consideration of the requests contained herein.

Very truly yours,

THE CARBORUNDUM METALS COMPANY

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