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Dear Mr. Mezger:

In response to your letter of September 17, 1959, Curtiss-Wright is free to propose to universities, colleges and technical institutes the use of its research reactor as a teaching aid in courses on nuclear energy technology. As stated in your letter, agreements for use of the Curtiss-Wright reactor by schools for training purposes would be the responsibility of Curtiss-Wright and the respective schools interested in using it.

You also mention in your letter that the reactor could conceivably be used for training reactor operators and supervisors. Concerning the training of reactor supervisors, we would like to call your attention to a recent Commission announcement--Press Release No. B-164 dated September 23, 1959, copy enclosed. It will be noted from this announcement that henceforth the Commission's Power Reactor Supervisory Training Program includes a requirement that participants obtain approximately six months of training in the operation of test and research reactors at either Commission or industry sites before they may enroll for further training at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station. Curtiss-Wright might conceivably work out arrangements with some of the prospective participants in this program to provide this training. If you care to pursue this further we can furnish a list of companies presently engaged in nuclear power projects if Curtiss-Wright does not already have such listing.

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Concerning the training of reactor operators, we suggest you contact the same power companies referred to in the preceding paragraph for whatever arrangements you can work out with them to provide practical training for their reactor operators prior to startup of their reactors. You might also want to contact technical institutes, such as Wentworth Institute in Boston for instance, for any possible tie-up with them on reactor operator and reactor technician courses that they may offer in the future.

We want to caution that completion of a training program on the Curtiss-Wright reactor would not result in an operators license on this or any other reactor until the trainee passes an examination and test administered by the AEC.

We hope these suggestions are helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by
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Frank K. Pittman, Director
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Enclosure:

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cc: Dr. Russell Beatty, Wentworth Institute

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