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Mr. W. S. Scheib
Division of Civilian Application
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: UO₂ for Babcock & Wilcox

Dear Mr. Scheib:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning to the effect that our present commitments preclude the possibility of meeting the original schedule requested by Babcock & Wilcox, namely, 100# of enriched UO₂ by June 1, July 1, and August 1, 1956.

As I mentioned to you over the phone, these dates did not strike us as being very realistic and it was our opinion from our limited knowledge of the situation at Y12 in Oak Ridge that they also would not be able to meet these exacting delivery requirements.

We have studied the situation rather carefully and do have a process which will process either UO₂ or U₃O₈ from fully enriched UF₆ and wish to inform you that if a firm order for the entire 300# is received on or before April 1, we will be able to commence delivery of either of the above oxides no later than August 15 and complete the order by October 31. These dates we believe quite realistic and feel that there should be little trouble, barring a major disaster, that could interfere with our delivery. This production unit would be added to those facilities which we are now in the process of constructing.

Sincerely,

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