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Dear Captain Lavender:

Dr. Richtmyer and I had a number of conversations on patent matters, particularly on the proposed Hydride application S-1202. Due to the unexpected departure of Dr. Richtmyer these discussions remained incomplete.

I am very much interested that progress should be made in the patent matters which are to our mutual interest. I expect from your conversation and from the indications you gave in your wire that Dr. Richtmyer will be available for this work in the not too distant future. It might be convenient if I tell you something about my own program so that it should be possible to work out a schedule.

I expect to be away from the site during the second part of August and possibly in the first days of September. If, therefore, the urgent matter for which Dr. Richtmyer has been recalled to Washington can be completed within a short time, it will be very good if he could come out again to the site and spend with us the first two weeks in August. If that should prove impossible I should be very glad if he could continue work starting on the 8th of September or as shortly thereafter as possible. In the latter case I am sure that so much material will have accumulated that a longer visit of Dr. Richtmyer to the site will have become desirable.

It must be realized that the program at this site is directed toward specific designs which seem to show at present the earliest promise of a successful gadget. Other designs, however, are being considered partly because they seem to be more efficient in the long run, partly because we may need them to fall back on in case of difficulties developing in our main program. In our program and particularly in the additional parts of our program, it is not necessary to ascertain some facts which apparently are needed for a satisfactory patent application. We cannot spare any of our workers for this purpose, hence, it necessitates special studies by Dr. Richtmyer which we review together for sufficiency and accuracy.

I should take this opportunity also to thank you for letting Dr. Richtmyer come out at this time. His work here is very fruitful and I hope it can be continued in the near future.

Yours very truly,

Edward Teller
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