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American Embassy,  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,  
June 11, 1954.

Mr. Gerard C. Smith,  
Office of the Secretary S/AE,  
Department of State,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I refer to my letter of June 7 regarding the ultra-centrifuge isotope separation project. Our further information is that this project is being carried on under the direction of Professor Groth (phonetic spelling) at the University of Bonn. There are three instead of four Brazilian personnel involved. They are students of Dr. Bifini whose name was mentioned in my previous letter but misspelled.

The Admiral is behind this project which is being operated by Col. Dubois Ferreira. He has taken many secrecy precautions including division of the project among a number of separate files keyed to the code word "UZ".

We have no information as to results yet obtained from the project.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Terrill  
Counselor of Embassy

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Ultra-centrifuge project at University of Bonn  
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