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Dear Eduardo:

I am appalled to realize first, how the time has slipped by and secondly, that I have not written you long before now. My job working for the Chairman keeps me busy up to 70 or so hours a week, and it seems that I am always working against a deadline. If you have been reading the journals reporting news of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and its probable transformations you will understand my distraction. I do not write the above as an excuse but simply as a statement of my abnormal way of life. As a matter of fact, the last time I had anything resembling a vacation was when Emilio and I had a part of a week at Los Alamos and Washington. Incredible! It is also incredible that my wife still puts up with me.

I talked the other day to Dr. Richmond about the two-day symposium on plutonium they are planning at Los Alamos. I was sorry to learn that the equipment has not yet been sent to you. Personally, I believe it is very important that the people be counted again and the urine sampled. I don't recall whether the original urine samples were examined by alpha spectrometry to identify whether the alpha counts were specifically plutonium. Certainly, our experience with the general background alpha level at Palamares would suggest the need for eliminating the possibility that some of the people are excreting members of the uranium-radium series.

The people in my former Division have reminded me that they have budgeted to fund the Otero-Hall agreement as usual but to carry through the transfer they need the usual indication from Professor Otero that the Junta wishes to carry on the work. This is something that Dr. Richmond and I know but they will not take our word for it. It would be kind of you, therefore, to remind him. Since I am no longer a member of the staff per se, I would suggest that the letter be addressed to Dr. Abraham Friedman, Director of the Division of International Programs, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545. All the channels are lubricated and functioning.

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I read ENERGIA NUCLEAR (with its beautiful color pictures and format) carefully looking for informatjon about yourself. I trust this is an occasion when no news is good news. Anyway, I will shortly be writing to you from home, although I will ask Glad to type it so as not to strain your vision with my poor handwriting.

In the meanwhile please give my very best personal regards to Senora and Senorita Ramos.

Sincerely,



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