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Dear Mr. Roberts:

You will recall that at the conference held in Baltimore on February 6, 1951, a suggestion was made that additional meteorological and weather data for the Baltimore area might be obtained at a comparatively low cost from the United States Weather Bureau, and it was agreed that Mr. Goslin of DuPont would look into the matter and advise us as to whether this additional data could be obtained and as to the cost thereof.

Several days ago I received word that Mr. Goslin had talked to people in the Weather Bureau in Washington, and they had given him an estimate of \$1,300. as the cost of furnishing complete weather data for the Baltimore area for the past seventeen years, and had indicated that it would take from four to eight weeks to complete the report. The amount involved and the time necessary to get the data are both much greater than any of us had anticipated and, accordingly, I conferred with counsel for each of the other three companies. As a result thereof, I was requested to write to you on behalf of all counsel, and I am sending a copy of this letter to each of them.

All four of us feel that we should not incur this additional expense on behalf of our respective clients at this time, nor delay your report to us for a period of from four to eight weeks. We, therefore, ask you to complete your report in the manner outlined at the time of our conference as speedily as possible and forward it to counsel. In this connection we do not think that you should do any extensive work at this time on the basis of the formula you referred to during the conference, because, as we all understood, the results of the application of the formula would be very uncertain and would probably not be of any real help. We think it desirable that you send on as promptly as possible your report in the form outlined at

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Mr. Lester B. Roberts

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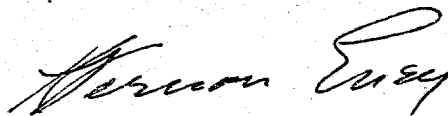
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the conference on the basis of the information now available to you, which, of course, includes Dr. Willett's report. After we have had an opportunity to examine your report, it may be that we will then want to obtain additional information.

I might add that all of us felt very much surprised when it was indicated at the conference that neither you nor Mr. Cholak nor Dr. Kehoe had seen a copy of the report of Weather Services, Inc. and Dr. Willett. Indeed, I do not think I would be putting it too strongly to say that all of us were amazed that the conference had been arranged and that a rough draft of your report had been prepared without any reference to the Weather Report. It is our clear recollection that when the matter was first discussed, you and Mr. Cholak indicated that the Kettering Laboratory would need certain weather data, and you suggested that this data be obtained from Weather Services, Inc. and Dr. Willett. Later, following this suggestion, we conferred with Dr. Willett and all agreed that he should be employed to do the work. It was our understanding at that time that the weather data to be furnished by Weather Services, Inc. and Dr. Willett would be the complete weather and meteorological data which you would need for the purposes of your report.

Would you please keep in mind that four copies of the report are to be sent to each of the four counsel.

Very truly yours,



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