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VIA AIR MAIL

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Dear Elmer:

Thanks for your letter of September 20, 1957 accompanied by a copy of my letter of September 7, 1956 to you and a copy of Sendroy's letter of August 28, 1957 to me. Apparently, Sido has obtained satisfactory agreement from Sendroy regarding the composition of the material.

The only question that remains is whether we and you wish to release the technical data available in my letter of September 7, 1956. Since I recall there were additional data obtained after that time and since I remember there were some background chlorides which had to be subtracted, I should like to review all of the available data before being too dogmatic in my statement as to absolute accuracy of concentration. Despite the variation in background corrections for different factors and despite the variations in concentrations of the material obtained in the experiments conducted at Kettering, as memory serves me, I believe these values are of the right order of magnitude.

However, I will not commute with Sendroy until I have learned from Dr. Kehoe whether a rough copy of the report is available for me to review or until you and he indicate that you wish to go along with Sendroy's statement in which he refers to our results as similar to his but with greater deviation and range of variation (by personal communication). As I have previously stated, I believe for a generality this is not too bad; however, from the standpoint of absolute accuracy I might not agree wholeheartedly.

I would like to inspect Sendroy's data if available. It seems to me Bumed offered to make them available to us the last time Dr. Kelly and I were in Washington.

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