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21 May 1945

Dr. H. D. Smyth
P. O. Box 492
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Smyth:

I am inclosing two copies of the rules for the public release which we discussed the other day. I think these will prove satisfactory to you for an operating standpoint.

With respect to II d there is, of course, nothing sacred in the figure five.

I have discussed them with Dr. Tolman and he has agreed that he would be kind enough to read the manuscript when it is completed or if you preferred each section as it is individually completed.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. GROVES
Major General, U. S. A.

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(July 4, 1945)

Copies 1 and 2 of 3 Series B in possession
of British (dated 4 July 1945) now out of date.
New rules attached.

July 9, 1945

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The information to be included in a release will exclude all matters connected with the construction of the actual bomb. Any information disclosed must satisfy one of the detailed requirements in each of the two following groups:

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- (a) That it is important to a reasonable understanding of what has been done on the project as a whole.
- or
- (b) That it is of true scientific interest and likely to be ~~truly~~ helpful to scientific workers in this country.

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- (a) That it is already known generally by competent scientists

or

- (b) That it can be deduced or guessed by competent scientists from what is already known, combined with the knowledge that the project was in the overall successful.

or

- (c) That it has no real bearing on the production of atomic bombs.

or (2) In a limited number of cases (say 5) and these will be reported in a separate memo so that they can be eliminated if desired.

That it could be discovered by a small group (fifteen, of whom not over five would be senior men) of competent scientists working in a well equipped college laboratory in a year's time or less.

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