

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1949

Dear Mr. Wilson:

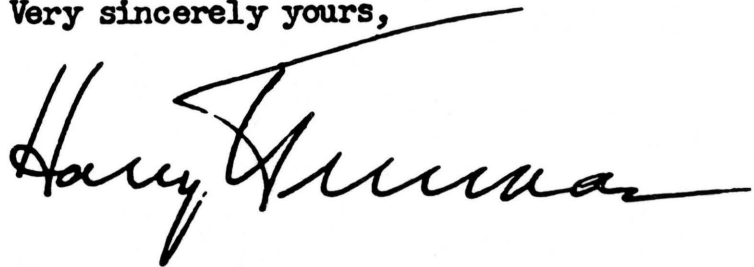
I am informed that the Atomic Energy Commission intends to ask that the Bell Telephone Laboratories accept under contract the direction of the Sandia Laboratory at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This operation, which is a vital segment of the atomic weapons program, is of extreme importance and urgency in the national defense, and should have the best possible technical direction.

I hope that after you have heard more in detail from the Atomic Energy Commission, your organization will find it possible to undertake this task. In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.

I am writing a similar note direct to Dr. O. E. Buckley.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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