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Dear Bob:

I am writing this and sending an extra copy so that I can explain and be able to have you explain to [redacted] and anybody else you please the procedure we are using on Operation Diogenes.

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The proposal came through from [redacted] today and I think has been executed satisfactorily. At least we are sending it back to him, we hope, in proper form. This job is being handled through [redacted]

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[redacted] with offices at the above address. I appear in this corporation as the master of any one of a group of vessels and to handle such research and development as the corporation may see fit to carry on.

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[redacted] has sent to [redacted] and to [redacted] letters authorizing them to proceed on a project described to them by [redacted]. Work has proceeded at a rapid rate both day and night and one of these days a report will come through to give you an illustration of some of the trials and tribulations this kind of a job incurs, and particularly if it must be done in a hurry. Some of it makes interesting reading.

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I agreed with [redacted] was in his office at the time, that the job be best handled on a fixed price contract basis, but there was implied by all parties an acknowledgment that this was a sort of gentlemen's agreement and there would be no intention to soak you people if the job could be done for less money. I wanted to clarify, before we got into even a possibility of a dispute, the procedure which we will use for charges. I am attaching a list of categories and their rates and when the job is done will send you a piece of paper with the number of hours spent for men in each of these categories. The numbers and classification are current in this area and are used by such firms as Arthur D. Little, etc., for projects of this type.

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I think we can now say from a technical point of view that we have arrived at and tested a satisfactory unit so that we at least will know the intensities involved. We are now working on procedures for getting the gadget to blink. It is my feeling that several more days and perhaps one more night test should permit us to say that we have a finished model, and I feel very sure that this can be done by the time Paul gets up here next. If possible, when he does come up I should like to have him be able to spend part of an evening at least, weather permitting, actually checking out the device himself.

I should like, further, to have you people make up your minds just exactly how you wish the quantity order to be handled; that is, how many, by when, how they are to be packed, the question of instruction. In other words, just what kind of a package will you expect for each unit or group of units? The sooner we have this information the more sure you are going to be of getting them when you wish them. We will be able to make some recommendations on some of these points ourselves.

I hope you don't mind my putting this all down in one place. I am getting so that already my hat has gotten so many facets that I keep wondering which way I should turn it, and the only way I know to keep my conscience clear is to be explicit as soon as something is definite. I hope to see Paul some time this next week.

Kindest regards to yourself and all others.

Sincerely,

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WSB/kvs
Enclosure

P.S. One of your blooming walkie-talkies did not work.