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Colonel J. C. Nickerson
Huntsville,
Alabama

Dear Colonel:

I have just had a letter from a very good friend of mine, Arthur H. Lee of Anniston, Alabama, about your situation. I understand that you are a nephew of my good friend, Alfred Thompson of Anniston and also Mrs. L. R. Dishman. If I knew nothing more about you than your relatives in Anniston, Alabama, I would know that you are certainly not disloyal to our country, and I am very much interested in what you are trying to do and regret that you have been forced into a position of being charged with these matters.

I have been quite pleased that you believe in what you are doing to the extent that you are willing to give up your Army career on the line in this fight. I do not know just what I can do to help you in this matter and may be it would be better for you if I did not "butt in" so to speak, however, I want you to know that I sincerely hope that the facts will be brought out and will awaken the American public to the fact that the team at Redstone is doing a good job and that it would be a great mistake to break up this team of German scientists and your own scientists at Redstone.

I understand that you have a wonderful family--your wife, three boys, and the girl, and I sincerely hope that things are going to come out in your favor.

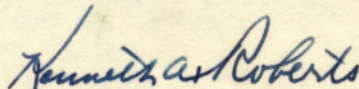
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I might mention the fact that you have employed as your counsel one of my very closest and dearest friends, Buster Bell of Huntsville. I have known Buster for many, many years, and I do not know of anyone who is more devoted to his profession or who can more ably protect and defend you in this matter.

I hope that at some time I will be able to be in Huntsville and if at all possible I would certainly like to have a talk with you if it can be arranged. I would not want any publicity about the matter as I think if I can help you it must be in a way that would not cause you to be criticized by this letter or any other communications which we have in the strictest confidence.

With best personal wishes, I am

Very sincerely,


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