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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dearest Franklin:

Mr. Irving S. Lowen, the man about whom I telephoned will be in Washington tomorrow.

Mr. Lowen says that Dr. Bush and Dr. Conant would be of absolutely no use because they have been so close to the project that they have perhaps lost the sense of urgency which these younger men have.

There is they believe, a chance that a very brilliant man who is working on this in Germany may have been able to develop it to the point of usefulness. The Germans are desperate and would use this if they have it ready. It is imperative they feel that we proceed quickly to perfecting it and these young scientists believe that they are already two years behind all that they might have accomplished if they had been allowed to progress.

They want an investigation by an impartial outsider who can see the possibilities of what might happen, but who is not a scientist, ~~perhaps~~ a man of judicial temperament who will weigh the possibilities.

Mr. Lowen thinks you might want to speak to some of the other men

Professor H.C. Uray, Columbia
Professor Wigner
Professor Szilard
Professor Fermi
Professor Oppenheimer
Dr. Gale Young
Professor A. H. Compton,
all of various parts of the project.

(The file on Mr. Lowen is

