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INDUSTRIAL INTEREST IN RARE EARTH SEPARATIONS

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Mr. Morgan of the St. Louis office telephoned Dr. Woodruff recently requesting permission to have representatives of Mallinckrodt visit ORNL to review rare earth separation techniques. Their interest is purely industrial in that they hope to undertake production separation of these elements. Dr. Woodruff checked with Paul McDaniel who was willing to go along with their visiting the Laboratory since he did not feel that it implied a preferential treatment of Mallinckrodt. Subsequently, Dr. Woodruff checked with Dr. Davidson of the Office of Industrial Development who also did not object but pointed out that the Vick Chemical Company of 122 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y., had also expressed an interest in having their subsidiary, the J. T. Baker Chemical Company, get into the field. Bill asked Dr. Woodruff to contact Mr. Moore of Vick to set the meeting up, but Dr. Woodruff begged off on the premise that that was Dr. Davidson's responsibility, pointing out that we would be glad to carry on once Davidson had set the machinery in motion.

Will you please be on the alert for these contacts. At the present time, no dates have been set for either visit.

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