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**March 29, 1991**

**EXPRESS MAIL**

**Mr. Joseph A. Kelly**  
201 East 66th Street.  
New York, New York 10021

**Re:** Documents Available at Radium Chemical Company, 60-06 27th Avenue, woodside, Queens County, New York

Dear **Mr. Kelly:**

I have attempted to **reach you by** telephone on several occasions **over the** past two weeks to give you an update on the availability of your personal **papers remaining** in the referenced facility. **Your** personal papers and documents (such as your military records) **are now available** at the facility. You had **stated in an** earlier conversation **that it** would be more convenient for you to pick up these documents in Woodside as opposed to **our** offices in Manhattan. Please contact Steve Thiema (718) 278-9660 to make arrangements to pick up **your property**.

With respect to old Radium **Chemical Company** files which relate to **the Manhattan Eastern District ("MED")** project, you had stated that the former health and **safety officer for Radium Chemical** had been informed by someone associated with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("**NRC**") that the NRC **was interested** in these documents **from an historical** perspective. In our telephone conversation **earlier** this month, you stated that you would try to get back to **me** with the name and **telephone** number of this NRC contact.

Subsequent to our telephone call, I recalled my **experience** with a facility in upstate New York **associated** with the **MED project**. My **contacts for that Site were** with the Department of Energy (**DOE**) which is the **successor** agency to the old Atomic Energy Commission ("**AEC**"). I called the **DOE**, and was put in contact with DOE and its contractor **personnel who** are responsible for **compiling** historical records of **MED and MED related projects** and facilities. **DOE is very interested** in the Radium Chemical Company-WED files.

In our prior **conversations**, you had expressed the **opinion** that these documents may be **of interest** to the government. **I believe** I have located the **governmental office (DDE)** that indeed has such an interest. It is also necessary that we clear the Radium **Chemical site for continued** remedial activities. Unless I hear from you to the **contrary**, it is my intention to release the

Radium Chemical AEC files to the DOE by Friday, April 5, 1991.

I believe that these procedures are in complete conformance to the wishes you expressed in our prior conversations. If you wish to discuss these matters further, please feel free to contact me at (212) 264-5342. If you would like to discuss these matters with the DOE, and its contractors please contact Mr. Charles Young at (301) 353-1281.

In closing, I would like to emphasize again that your personal documents are available at the Site for you to pick up. If you do not make arrangements to pick up these documents, at some time in the future as work at the Site progresses, it will be necessary for us to transfer the documents or mail them to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Regional Counsel  
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Steve,  
This is mailing address  
for DOE. If you don't

hear from me or  
Joseph Kelly by  
next Friday 4/5/91  
Send the documents to  
This address.

Charlie,  
Note instructions to  
Steve Thiene, please  
advise if you have  
any questions

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