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Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer
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Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I have received your teletype NR364T dated July 19, 1945 and have discussed its contents with some of our Washington associates. Factors beyond our control ~~have~~ prevent us from considering any decision, other than to proceed according to the existing schedules for the time being. It is necessary to drop the first Little Boy and the first Fat Man and probably a second one in accordance with our original plans. It may be that as many as three of the latter in their best present form may have to be dropped to conform to planned strategic operations.

I am planning on coming out to see you and to discuss this problem and any others that may be hanging in the air. By that time all of the technical people involved will have had time to figure more exactly the advantages and delays of the various changes under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. GROVES
Major General, USA

