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Summary:

A letter from S.S. Bhatnagar to Dr. Bhabha via the Indian Embassy in Washington D.C. apprising him of a visit with to the Atomic Energy Commission as well as providing an update on the acquisition of needed minerals.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

13th September, 1949

My dear Bhabha,

The Prime Minister has at last agreed to my return early and leaving the rest of the work to be finished by you. Really, everything is in shape and you have just to go through the formal signing of the Agreement. I am therefore leaving Washington at 11 a.m. and New York on to London on the 16th September. I shall reach India at the latest by the 24th.

Please cable Blummenfeld immediately at Paris and fix a date for the Brazil trip. I am leaving all the introductory notes with Mr. T.N. Kaul. The program of the trip is enclosed herewith and I am posting a copy of this letter to the Mark Hopkins Hotel where you are to stay in California.

I met the Atomic Energy Commission and attended them to dinner. I have been at their office and I was through the uranium and thorium testing laboratories there. It is an interesting place and you should see it.

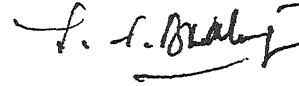
I am sorry not to be with you but we have almost finished and you have just to go to Brazil Blummenfeld to finalise it.

Wadia expects five tons of the mineral under discussion by March. This, coupled with the 250 tons which we already have, comes very near to the figure we were thinking of. Wadia seems to be very hopeful of greater production. During the discussion, Mr. Kaul will tell you, a question arose as to the British and Americans should keep giving quantities of thorium produced in our plant, and I asked them to discuss this matter with you and

and I said we shall have to take the Prime Minister's permission.

I hope you will enjoy your trip. With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. S. Bhatnagar', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

S.S. Bhatnagar

Dr. J. Bhabha, F.R.S.
Mark Hopkins Hotel
San Francisco, California

DR. H. J. BHABHA

- Sept. 20. Leave Los Angeles by plane for Salt Lake City, Utah, arriving in the afternoon or evening.
- Reservations will be made at Hotel Utah where party will be met by Philip C. Leahy of AEC.
- Sept. 21. Visit open pit operations of Utah Copper Company and proceed by automobile to Zion National Park. Night at Lodge at Zion National Park.
- Sept. 22. Drive from Zion to Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. Spend night at National Park Lodge.
- Sept. 23. Drive to Gallup, New Mexico and spend night at hotel there.
- Sept. 24. Drive to Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado. Night at National Park Lodge.
- Sept. 25. Drive to AEC uranium mill at Monticello, Utah, visiting some uranium mines and exploration camps enroute.
- May have to spend night at tourist camp at Monticello as staff house has not been completed.
- Sept. 25. Drive thru uranium mining district to Grand Junction, Colorado.
- Depending upon time schedule, can leave Grand Junction at 4:00 p. m. for Denver, stopping at Brown Palace Hotel, or spend night at Grand Junction.
- Sept. 27. Leave Denver by morning plane for Washington, D.C., arriving about 6:00 p.m.
- If September 27th is spent in Grand Junction. spend that night in Denver and travel by plane to Washington on Sept. 28.

Visit to Radiation Laboratory on the 18th at California University

Pasadena

19th Sept.