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Record Description:

Following files suggested by Roger Meade a former Los Alamos Librarian Los Alamos file LA-437 having to do with the electronic timing sequences at the Trinity atomic test on July 16th 1945.
Los Alamos file LA-346 having to do with the Creutz Charge test of July 15th 1945 Any photographs documenting the Creutz charge test would be of interest as well.

Preferred Form or Format: pdf

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

These are files of historical interest only and do not concern any current government activities.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

Understanding scientific activities of 64 years ago.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Many aspects of the Trinity atomic of 1945 test have already been disclosed. These requests concern some lose ends. Richard Rhodes, a well known expert on the history of nuclear weapons, is interested in what I find. Others will be too.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or

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activities.

Will contribute to the historical record. Many related Los Alamos files have already been released and can be accesed online.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

No real personal commercial interest although information released may find its way into publications.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

Not primarily in my commercial interest. Should be of interest to other history researchers besides myself.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: