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RESEARCH LABORATORY

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y. February 6, 1941

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Professor Wayne B. Nottingham Department of Physics Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Nottingham:

As you may have guessed, defense work has completely eclipsed our research program, including the special dispenser cathode which I have promised many times to try to make for photoelectric study. My interest in such a study is still high, but the chance that we shall be able to do anything about it this year is so dim that I am writing this letter by way of apology to the student who was to undertake this research, so as to allow him to proceed with some other problem--which I suspect he is already doing.

Professor Schlichter has told me of the excellent work you are doing on the amplification of direct currents, and I hope before long to see you and learn more about it.

Sincerely yours,

AW Hull:K

Assistant Director RESEARCH LABORATORY e

Mr. Sidney Shein Incandescent Lamp Deprtment Cleveland Wire Works 1331 Chardon Road Euclid, Ohio

Dear Mr. Shein:

It has been some time now since I last communicated with you, but during this period we have still been intensely interested in the properties of tungsten principally from the point of view of being able to grow relatively large crystals with as few defects as possible.

Quite a number of students have been working in this field as preliminary steps to their thesis work. We think we have learned a great deal and yet we also realize how much more there is to be known. One of my students, Mr. James Buck is particularly interested in extending these studies and has asked me to write to you asking for such samples as you would be in a position to furnish us of wire which you think might be best suited for this work, preferably wire which is selected to be free from folds and other defects and as uniform in its properties as is reasonably possible.

I would suggest possibly 200 metres of .007 inch No. 218 and about the same length of approximately .005 inch. If it is possible to furnish these cleaned and wound on fairly large diameter spools, it would make our final polishing, which we do on our machine you remember, somewhat easier to control.

If you have any suggestions as to a more suitable wire for this investigation, I would certainly like to profit by them.

Very sincerely yours,

Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics

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January 2, 1941

Dr. Lewi Tonks
Research Laboratory
General Electric Company
Schenectady, New York

Dear Lewi:

Dr. John Daniel did his Doctor's thesis on the subject of field emission from wires and points. I have a copy of his thesis which I would be glad to loan you for a short period of time, but I have just finished reading the manuscripts of three papers which he has written and is about to send in for publication, and it might be possible to borrow these for a few days before he sends them. If you care to write him, his address is

Dr. John H. Daniel U.S. Public Health Service National Institute of Health Bethesda, Maryland.

I will postpone sending you a copy of his thesis until I hear from you. I think that the papers would be more readable than the thesis in case you can borrow them.

We enjoyed the genuine woodsy character of your Christmas greeting and thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics RESEARCH LABORATORY

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Dec. 31, 1940

Dr. W. B. Nottingham Dept. of Physics Mass. Inst. of Technology Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Wayne:

Dr. Charlton tells me that you and
Daniels have recently written a paper on cold
cathode emission from surfaces treated in various
ways. I should appreciate greatly having an
opportunity to look over your results as a guide
to some high voltage work that I am doing.in
which I am bothered by cold cathode emission.

We enjoyed receiving your Christmas card and extend the same wishes to you and your wife. With very best regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Lewi Poules

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P.S. Lafferty, who was here last summer & is now at michigan will probably write you shorth about metals to use in building a tube, and their handling & treatment. I'm guilty. RESEARCH LABORATORY

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

October 17 19 40

Dr. W.B. Nottingham Department of Physics Mass. Inst. of Technology Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Nottingham:

I am sending you today under separate cover a sample of the 1 mil thoriated tungsten wire for which you asked.

Please accept this with our compliments.

Yours very truly,

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RESEARCH LABORATORY

9.5. We shall use wire from this same spool

AWHULL for our laboratory-made F. P. 545.

October 15, 1940. Dr. A. W. Hull Research Laboratory General Electric Co. Schenectady, New York Dear Dr. Hull: It was good to see you and to have a chance to talk about the phototube and also about the need for better FP54 tubes. I have talked over our plans with Mr. Herman Affel, who is the student planning to undertake this investigation, and he is very much interested in your new FP54's. I am sure that we would like to cooperate in any way that we can in the testing of these tubes, and in making comparisons between them, the old FP54's, and the ones we intend to build. Our present source of thoriated tungsten wire is largely the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. Before talking with you, it was my idea that I would write to Westinghouse and obtain a suitable supply of 1 mil wire; however, since you have expressed an interest in the study, you might be willing to furnish us with a supply of the same wire which you use in your tubes. In order that we might have an adequate supply for other things as well, a spool of 50 to 100 meters would be very useful. If it is not convenient to let us have this, please let me know, since I am reasonably sure I can get suitable wire through other channels. I should think that for making comparative tests we should receive at least two of the new FP54's. In case you send them and we make measurements, we shall keep in close touch with you concerning all results obtained. Very sincerely yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics WBN: W

October 9, 1940 Dr. A. W. Hull, Assistant Director Research Laboratory General Electric Company Schenectady, New York Dear Dr. Hull: I hope that my delay in replying to your letter of September 5 will not have caused you any inconvenience. I am inclined to think that it would do no harm at all to have the mercury vapor present even after the activation, especially if it were possible to have attached to the tube an appendix which could be immersed in liquid air. This would permit a considerable greater flexibility in operation, since at any time mercury could be readmitted to the tube by removing the liquid air. If your tube has not already been built, I would like to suggest this modification in our plans; if it has been built, please disregard this suggestion and follow whatever scheme you consider best. I am planning to attend the Electronics Conference at Hoboken and in case you are also present, I shall be looking forward to discussing this problem with you. Very sincerely yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics WBN: W



RESEARCH LABORATORY

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

September 5, 1940

Dr. W.B. Nottingham Bolton Landing Lage George, New York

Dear Dr. Nottingham:

I have delayed answering your letter, since we are so busy that it seemed questionable whether I could find time to do further work on the dispenser.

However, I am so anxious to study it that I am glad of this added incentive, and I will try to get something started. I remember your comment that you would not object to the presence of mercury. It may be that I can freeze out the mercury vapor and seal it off after activation.

Yours very truly,

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RESEARCH LABORATORY

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write about Oct 1.

December 3, 1940

Mr. Dale C. Hughes Lamp Department General Electric Company Nela Park Cleveland, Ohib

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We recently ordered some tungsten lead-in wires on our order #5963. These were shipped to us on the tenth of October and we have been using them and experiencing a great deal of trouble. We did not recognize our trouble at first and were inclined to blame the glass blower for our difficulties, owing to the fact that so many leaks were being observed in the experimental tubes which we have lately produced.

Although when we examined these tungsten wires with a low power microscope, we found not indication of the crack which existed, we were forced to the conclusion that the wires were the source of our trouble. We therefore polished a number of these wires electrolytically and found a crack which extended almost half way through the wire and is perfectly visible to the naked eye after the etching. This shows that the difficulty we have been having may be traced directly to your lack of proper inspection of this wire.

To try to impress you with the seriousness of such failure, I would estimate that time and effort costing us some hundreds of dollars have been wasted simply because we had too much confidence in the reliability of your inspection. I am enclosing herewith about forty of the one hundred lead-in wires which we recently received, all of which contain this crack. Most of the other wires were used in tubes which failed in their proper function.

I would say that the least you can do to compensate us for this loss is to replace the one hundred wires 2" in length and .050" in diameter at no cost to us.

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Mr. Dale C. Hughes -2-December 3, 1940 situation will be avoided in the future. It is obvious that other users of these wires are likely to be subjected to even greater loss than we have experienced before they discover such flaws in your products. Very truly yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics WBN: W

December 10, 1940 Mr. Dale C. Hughes Lamp Department General Electric Company Nela Park East Cleveland, Ohio Dear Mr. Hughes: I am very sorry that we did not specify that the tungsten wire which we ordered on order #5963 was to be used for sealing into glass. I think it has been our practice to mention this in the past and that it was overlooked in this particular instance. We shall be sure to show that specifically on all future orders. I am accepting your suggestion that we return the fifty .040" and fifty .060" wires which you furnished on our order #5963. I feel reasonably certain that these wires are all right; on the other hand, I am sure that we will appreciate your replacing them with wires which have been inspected and passed as suitable for sealing into glass. Our present supply of all wire is now very small and I would appreciate your sending us at your earliest convenience the replacement pieces. I want to thank you for giving this matter your prompt attention. Very sincerely yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Associate Professor of Physics WBN: W

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BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

November 29, 1940.

Dr. Wayne B. Nottingham Department of Physics Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Nottingham:

At Dr. Rentschler's request we are sending you two RH-507 electrometer tubes for the experimental work which you mentioned when you and your group were here recently. We have taken complete characteristics on these tubes and the data will be included with the tubes. We will of course be glad to answer any special questions you have in regard to these tubes and will also appreciate any information which you care to give us after you have used them.

While your group was here Mr. Hocker expressed some interest in our lead wires consisting of a section of tungsten wire welded to a flexible cable made up of nickel coated copper wire. We recently selected a few samples which I thought conformed to his wishes and our Sales Department sent them to him for his examination. We make so many leads of this type that we may not have picked the best samples so that if there is any thing of that kind that you are interested in we shall always try to accommodate you.

Yours very truly,

D. D. Knowles

Special Products Engg. Dept.

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cc: Drs. H. C. Rentschler J. W. Marden

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1331 Chardon Road, EUCLID, OHIO

To Massachussetts Institute of Technology
W.B.Nottingham - Room 6-205
Cambridge, Mass.

Your Order No. 5963

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GENERAL OFFICE SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y. December Twenty-First 1 9 3 9

Professor Wayne B. Nottingham Department of Physics Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Nottingham:

In response to your letter of the 15th, you may consider that neither the use of these special glasses nor their identification is confidential.

I am sure that the Corning Glass Company is willing to sell this glass freely and advise on its use.

Very truly yours,

VACUUM TUBE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

WCWhite: EW

December 15, 1939. Mr. W. C. White Vacuum Tube Engineering Department General Electric Company Schenectady, New York Dear Mr. White: The glass which you so kindly selected for us was received a few days ago in good condition. I want to thank you for helping us out in this matter and will report our progress to you in case we are successful in the use of this glass. In order not to have any misunderstanding, I would appreciate it if you would tell me whether or not the use of these glasses for graded seals is considered a confidential matter. If it is considered so, I shall be glad to cooperate in attempting to keep it that way. Very truly yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Assoc. Prof. of Physics WBN:W

GENERAL OFFICE SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

1 River Road SCHENECTADY, N. Y. December Eighth 1 9 3 9

Professor Wayne B. Nottingham Department of Physics Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Nottingham:

I have been requested to answer your letter of the 4th to Dr. Coolidge relative to quartz-to-pyrex graded seals.

We are sending you under separate cover some samples of glass cane that is used for this purpose. The small diameter cane is Corning glass 707GS and this is used to seal next to the quartz. The larger diameter sample of cane is Corning 715AO glass which is used between the 707GS and the pyrex. We utilize about a 3/16" width band of each of these two special glasses for tube diameters between 1/2" and 3/4". I believe that further quantities of these glasses can be obtained directly from the Corning Glass Works.

Very truly yours,

W.C. White Engineer VACUUM TUBE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

WCWhite: EW

December 4, 1939.

Dr. William D. Coolidge Research Laboratory General Electric Company Schenectady, New York

Dear Dr. Coolidge:

I again want to thank you on behalf of my students and myself for the very successful inspection trip which you arranged for us in November. All of the men greatly appreciated the opportunity of meeting you and your colleagues and to learn of the many new and interesting results you have obtained recently.

While I was visiting with Mr. Ruggles, he showed me some very beautiful quartz-to-pyrex graded seals, the development of which you are undoubtedly familiar. A number of years ago while I was at the Bartol Research Foundation, the glass blower and I experimented with the making of graded seals, using glass which we compounded out of pyrex and quartz. We made these in sizes up to an inch, and although they were not beautiful to look at, were perfectly satisfactory.

Here at the Institute we have many occasions to use graded seals in connection with our research, and would like very much to be in a position to make our own with less effort than we had to expend in connection with my work at the Bartol. If it does not represent too excessive an expense, nor violate any of your "industrial secrets," I think we would be greatly helped in our work if we could obtain a small amount of the glass which you use for the grades between quartz and pyrex. If you do not have a sufficient amount of glass to be able to let us have some, but are willing to let us make seals with it, it might be possible for us to get a supply direct from Corning, either through you or independently.

I understood from Mr. Ruggles that your work in this connection was still in the development stage and I can very well understand that if you do not want to divulge the methods of using this glass, or the kinds of glass which you are using, we

-2-December 4, 1939. Dr. William D. Coolidge can get along with the very much cruder approach which we already know, until such time as you are able to help us out. I hope this is not asking too much; if it is, do not hesitate to say so. Sincerelyyyours, Wayne B. Nottingham Assoc. Prof. of Physics WBN:W

October 16, 1939.

Mr. R. D. Mailey General Electric Vapor Lamp Co. 410 Eighth Street Hoboken, New York

Dear Mr. Mailey:

During the first week in October, 1932, Dr. Compton wrote you concerning the possibility of our getting a collection of Quartz-to-Pyrex joints to further our research for some years following. On October 11 you wrote him giving a quosation for these, which we greatly appreciated and forthwith ordered in accordance with your letter.

We have now practically depleted this stock of Quartz joints and wonder whether or not we can again arrange for a supply to be furnished at a cost comparable with that which you gave us in 1932. Our present plans, I think, would call for the following list:

7	joints	Quartz-to-Pyrex	1"	I.D.
7	91	11	3/4"	
6	77	11	1/211	91
4	91	11	1/4"	27

If you can possibly arrange to furnish us with these joints, I would appreciate receiving your quotation and an indication as to when this order might be available.

Very sincerely yours,

Wayne B. Nottingham Assoc. Prof. of Physics

LAMP DEPARTMENT GENERAL & ELECTRIC 410 FIGHTH STREET NELA SPECIALTY DIVISION HOBOKEN, N. J. CHARLES F. STREBIG, MANAGER November 27, 1939 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Physics Cambridge, Mass. Attention: Prof. Wayne B. Nottingham Gentlemen: Your letter of October 16th to Dr. Mailey has been referred to this Division since we were organized, effective November 1st, to exclusively handle the sale of specialty quartz apparatus, as well as glow lamps, Kon-nec-tor mercury switches and mercury and sodium Lab-Arcs, for the Lamp Department of the General Electric Company. We have reviewed the prices made to you on quartzto-pyrex seals on our order G.O. 265511 dated October 25, 1932 and find that we cannot at this time duplicate those prices. However, we have figured our lowest possible prices to you on the quartz-to-pyrex seals you now require and I am pleased to quote you as follows: 7 Joints Quartz-to-Pyrex 1" I.D. \$25.75 ea. \$180.25 3/411 11 8 19.00 ea. 152.00 1/2" " 11 6 12.50 ea. 75.00 1/4" " 4 5.25 ea. 21.00 Total price for the lot \$428.25 The above prices are net in any quantity. Shipments are F.O.B. Hoboken, N. J. and terms of payment are 30 days net. We can make shipment of these seals within from three to four weeks after receipt of your order. Trusting that we may be favored with your requisition for this material and that we can be of further service to you, Very truly yours, WCD: LS

October 22, 1932. Mr. R. D. Mailey General Electric Vapor Lamp Co. 410 Eighth Street Hoboken, New Jersey Dear Mr. Mailey: Some time ago President Compton wrote you concerning our need in the Physics Department for Graded Seals. According to your letter of October 11, we understand that you will be so good as to furnish us with the lot listed at \$202.00. We wish to express our appreciation for your cooperation with us in this respect, and are enclosing an order (No. 2560) covering the Seals listed. In connection with two researches, we are interested in obtaining one 3/4" Seal and one 1/4" Seal as soon as possible. If it is not possible to complete the order at once, we would appreciate it very much if you would send us these two Seals at your earliest convenience. Very sincerely yours, Wayne B. Nottingham Asst. Prof. of Physics WBN: W

atten blr. hottingham-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT October 15, 1932 Professor George R. Harrison Department of Physics Dear Harrison: Nottingham recently brought me a proposal for securing graded seals whereby we would try to get from the Cooper Hewitt Company some graded seal glass and would employ a glassblower from Lynn to make up the seals. I wrote Mr. Mailey about this, but he replied that their patent agreements with A. A. Noyes and others made the procedure impracticable, but offered to give us such a low price that we could consider this as an effective cooperation by them in helping us. Accordingly I sent him a list of our requirements as obtained for me by Nottingham, and

have just received the accompanying quotation.

I think it is really true that they have made us an excellent price, judging from bills for graded seals which I have paid previously.

If you wish to place the order, I would suggest that you accompany it by a letter referring to this correspondence with me and send the order directly to Mr. Mailey.

With kind regards

Very cordially yours,

KTC.E

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Formerly Cooper Hewitt Electric Company

GENERAL OFFICE HOBOKEN, N. J.

R. D. MAILEY VICE PRESIDENT

410 Eighth Street HOBOKEN, N. J.

October 11, 1932

Dr. Karl T. Compton, President Mass. Inst. of Technology Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Compton:

I have gone over with Mr. Evans the list of graded joints outlined in your letter of October 5th and am authorized by him to quote you for this whole lot a net price of \$202.00.

This list comprises

7 joints quartz to pyrex l" I.D.

7 joints quartz to pyrex 3/4" I.D.

2 joints quartz to pyrex 1/2" I.D.

4 joints quartz to pyrex 1/4" I.D.

Because this price may appear high I would say that the ordinary customer would pay \$506.00 for this same list. You will therefore see that we are cooperating with you in your problem, and hope that it will be of real assistance to you.

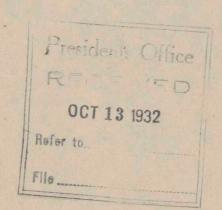
With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

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R. D. Mailey

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Formerly Cooper Hewitt Electric Company

GENERAL OFFICE HOBOKEN, N. J.

410 Eighth Street HOBOKEN, N. J.

October 25, 1932.

Prof. Wayne B. Nottingham,
Department of Physics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Prof. Nottingham:

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd inst., and for your order 2560, received with it.

This order has been put right in work, and we will make shipment of the entire lot of graded joints very promptly.

We hope that you will consider the special lot price quoted you as confidential, and it is far below what we could ordinarily quote on material of this type.

Very truly yours,

GENERAL ELECTRIC MAPOR LAMP CO.

George R. Brewster Assit. Sales Manager.

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