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Dear Herbert,

J.B. Adams told me that they had resident at C.E.R.N. Ginzen (?) from Stanford and they had made a comparative assessment of the M.I.T. 6 BeV electron synchrotron and the LINAC.

The main troubles of the electron-synchrotron are likely to be:

1. Intense bremsstrahlung leading to deterioration of any insulation in vacuum chamber
2. Troublesome background.
3. Difficulty of extracting the beam.
4. Serious underestimate of cost.

The LINAC was not likely to be appreciably more costly and had very great advantages.

Yours sincerely,

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