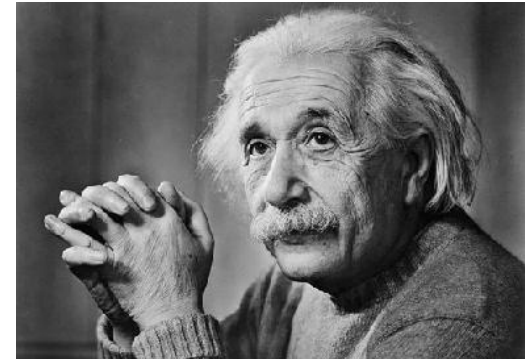




Albert Einstein

“The release of **atomic power** has changed everything except our way of thinking ... the solution to this problem lies in **the heart of mankind**. If only I had known, I should have become a **watchmaker**”



Although Einstein did not participate in the **Manhattan Project** itself because the American government had judged him a poor security risk for top-secret research, his **letter to President Roosevelt** proved the turning point in the **weaponization of $e=mc^2$** . Thus Albert Einstein, a lifelong pacifist, ended up contributing to the implementation of the atomic bomb project. Einstein himself recognized the bitter irony of this situation – so much so that, shortly before dying, he admitted to an old friend, “I made one great mistake in my life – when I signed the letter to President Roosevelt recommending that atom bombs be made; but there was some justification – **the danger that the Germans would make them**”. Accordingly, he has been quoted numerous times with some version of “Had I known that the Germans would not succeed in developing an atomic bomb, I would have done nothing”.

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