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Dr. Elmer W. Engstrom  
 Vice President  
 Radio Corporation of America  
 Director, Princeton RCA Laboratories  
 Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Engstrom:

I am much gratified to learn from Rear Admiral Wenger of your acceptance of the invitation, extended to you by him on my behalf, to become a member of this Agency's Scientific Advisory Board.

I understand that you have agreed to participate in the Board's first meeting, some details concerning which are set forth in Inclosure 1, the last paragraph of which you may disregard, as travel orders will be sent you within a few days. In advance of your attendance at the meeting you might be interested in reading Inclosure 2, a document which sets forth the mission and functions of the Board. You will notice therein that emphasis is placed upon individual consultation rather than upon group deliberation and action. Therefore, we hope that participation in formal Board meetings, which we propose to hold no more than three or four times a year, will not prove burdensome. In addition I wish to assure you that we will call upon you for individual consultation only on problems of an urgent character, and naturally would expect you to serve in such capacity only as your time and convenience will permit. Whenever you come to Washington in our behalf, the Agency will pay the cost of your travel, plus a fee of \$50.00 per day, and travel orders will usually be sent you in advance.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your ready acceptance of an additional demand on your valuable services in the interest of National Defense. I am looking forward to meeting you on February 4th, at the first session of the Board.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE  
 Major General, US Army  
 Director

2 Inclosures

1. NSA Serial 166,  
 dtd 14 Jan 53
2. AFEA Reg EO-10,  
 dtd 21 Aug 52

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cc: AG  
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M/R: Acknowledging Dr. Engstrom's acceptance to become a member of NSASAB and furnishing him in advance of meeting, NSA Serial 166 explaining details of meeting, and AFSA Reg 20-10 which sets forth the mission and functions of Board.

Mr. Friedman/Cons/16 Jan 53/ero