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Mr. J. Desch
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Dear Mr. Desch:

The National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board (NSASAB), a body with terms of reference set forth in the inclosure to this letter, would like to be in a position to call upon eminent scientists such as yourself for part-time services or for special consultation in matters of interest to the Board and of great importance in the national defense.

At its last meeting, NSASAB agreed to establish three panels devoted respectively to the fields of mathematics, telecommunications, and electronics. It is proposed that formal meetings of the panels be very infrequent and that, as a general rule, panel members be called upon to assist the Agency on an individual consultant basis and then only as their own time and convenience will permit. The problems involved can entail work on both the applied and research levels.

The chairmen of the respective panels are all members of NSASAB. When the panels are operating as such they will work through their chairmen, who will report to the Board.

You have been nominated by NSASAB for membership on the Electronics Panel, the Chairman of which is Mr. John C. McPherson, Vice President, International Business Machines Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

If you are interested in assisting us in some of our problems, please accept this nomination with the assurance that your assistance can be a real contribution to the national defense.

If you do not have the required storage facilities (three-combination safe or its equivalent) for the inclosure, please return it, in the double envelope, inclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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Serial:

Ltr to Mr. J. Desch

cc: AG
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SEC

M/R: Invitation for membership on Electronics Panel of NSASAB. Mr. Desch and below listed individuals, who will receive identical letters, are currently cleared and indoctrinated. SEC concurs.

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Identical letters sent to the following:

Mr. Stephen Dunwell - Serial: 01245

Mr. Samuel B. Williams - Serial: 01246 - Reply rec'd 24 Dec.