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Professor Howard P. Robertson
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Pasadena, California

Dear Professor Robertson:

I am gratified to learn from Mr. Friedman that you have accepted my invitation to you to become a member of our new Advisory Board.

You will recall that during its year's existence the Special Cryptologic Advisory Group (SCAG) felt that a written statement of its mission and functions would be useful. But such a statement was not produced until we reached the point where I decided to have a permanent advisory body. So that you may learn at first hand the specific mission and functions of the new Board, I inclose a copy of a regulation dealing therewith.

Mr. Friedman tells me that the date tentatively set for the first meeting of the Board, 26 January 1953, conflicts with certain commitments you made some time ago for lectures in California. It is taking a bit more time to complete the composition of the Board than had been anticipated, and on this account, too, a postponement of the date of the first meeting now appears to be advisable. I am therefore going to try to have the date shifted to later in January and will advise you soon on this point.

I know how many demands there are on your time and energy from other Government agencies; I know, too, some of the reasons that motivated you in resuming your professional duties. Therefore I want you to know that I very much appreciate your acceptance of my invitation, since it is indicative of your interest in and your estimate of the importance of the problems for the solution of which we need the aid of outstanding experts such as yourself.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE
Major General, US Army
Director

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M/R: Prof./has accepted an invitation from DRR, ltr serial: 0635, dtd 9 Oct 52, to become a member of the NSA Scientific Advisory Board. Due to certain commitments Prof. R. will not be able to attend the first meeting, tentatively set for 26 January. An effort is being made to have the meeting postponed until later in the month.

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