

Reply to R.S. 7899
Serial:

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Dear Dr. Engstrom:

Your courtesy in reviewing on my behalf Prof. Cairns' report, return of which is acknowledged with thanks, and your cooperation by way of taking so much time and thought, amid many other pressing duties, to reply to my letter of 18 September is much appreciated. I have directed my assistants to give most careful consideration to all the observations you have made in your letter and it is probable that we shall wish to consult with you in the near future in connection with some of them.

Your final comment relative to the opportunity which SCAM may afford for steering young mathematicians into permanent positions in this Agency will be given special consideration. Your continued thinking about this point and further advice from you will be valuable.

On your next or any subsequent visit we shall be very glad to make the appendices to the Cairns' Report available to you for study.

Finally, I wish to assure you of my appreciation of your cooperation and assistance in matters of this sort.

Sincerely,

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Major General, US Army
Director, Armed Forces Security Agency

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MEMO FOR RECORD: Self-explanatory. Reference DIR's letter to Dr. Engstrom serial 0578 dated 16 Sept 52 and Engstrom's letter to DIR dated 7 Oct 52.