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Mr. John C. McPherson
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Dear Mr. McPherson:

As you know, at the last meeting of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board, you were appointed Chairman of the Electronics Panel.

During the discussions on panel organization, it was generally understood that the prospective panel members would be invited by letter to serve on the respective panels. This panel service would be on an individual consulting basis with particular questions referred to the panel as such through the respective chairmen. It was agreed that the panels would meet formally very infrequently, and that the panel chairmen would report to the Board.

Since no systematic contacts have yet been made with the proposed panel members, I am writing to each of them. Those who are already indoctrinated, and are willing to serve on a panel, can actively participate in National Security Agency matters. Those who have crypto clearances can be called upon to serve on a panel with the provision that they be indoctrinated upon their first arrival at the National Security Agency. Those who require additional clearance action are being sent the necessary forms so that such action can be completed as soon as practicable. Clearance procedures have already been initiated on those in the "pending" category; they will be contacted upon satisfactory completion of the clearance action.

For your information, I am inclosing a list of all prospective panel members indicating their current clearance status and mailing addresses, together with copies of the letters sent to each of your prospective panel members.

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If you have any specific questions, or wish to make any suggestions, please refer them to Mr. William F. Friedman, who will keep you informed of any developments in this matter.

Your active interest in assisting us in some of our problems is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CAHINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

7 Incls:

1. List of panel members.
- 2.-7. Copies of ltrs to prospective panel members.

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S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: Mr. McPherson is Chairman of the Electronics Panel of the NSASAB and we are sending him a list of names and addresses of panel nominees and copies of letters sent to the nominees. This letter reiterates the discussions by the Board on panel organization.

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