Dr. L. T. E. Thompson  
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Northrop Laboratories Corporation  
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

At the last meeting of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board, it was agreed to activate three scientific panels covering the fields of mathematics, telecommunications, and electronics. It is the intention of the Board to staff these panels with some of the most eminent scientists in the country, such as yourself, who can be called upon for services or special consultation in matters of importance to this Agency. 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. When the panels are operating as such, they will work through their chairman, who will report to the Board. Each of the chairman is a member of our Scientific Advisory Board.

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

In the past, your assistance to this Agency has been highly valued. If you are interested in continuing to assist us in some of our problems, please accept this nomination with the assurance that we will call upon you only on matters of vital importance.

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Canine  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director  

cc: AG  
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8/ASST (Mr. Friedman)  

M/R: Invitation to membership on NSA's Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Thompson is cleared and indoctrinated.

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