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Professor Saunders MacLane  
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Dear Professor MacLane:

The National Security Agency is anxious to be able to call upon eminent scientists such as yourself for part-time services or for special consultation in matters of extreme importance to the national defense.

At its last meeting, the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board agreed to establish three scientific panels covering 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.

You have been selected as a possible nominee for membership on the Mathematics Panel, whose Chairman is Dr. H. P. Robertson, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

Since the Agency's work is highly classified, there are certain procedures necessary in connection with obtaining access to the work or with the procurement of personnel. In your particular case, if you express willingness to assist us in our problems, the indoctrination required for clearance for National Security Agency matters can easily be accomplished upon your first arrival at this Agency.

If you are interested in serving on this Panel, please accept this nomination with the assurance that your assistance can be a real contribution to the national defense.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE  
 Lieutenant General, US Army  
 Director

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cc: AG  
C/S  
S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: This is an invitation for membership on the Mathematics Panel of the NSASAB. Prof. Blackwell and the below listed (Dr. Tukey) were nominated for membership at the 15-16 Oct Board meeting. Prof. Blackwell and Dr. Tukey are cleared but not indoctrinated.

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Identical letter sent to:

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