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Dear Dr. Potter:

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

The chairmen of the respective panels are all members of NSASAB. When the panels are operating as such they will work through their chairmen, who will report to the Board.

You have been nominated by NSASAB for membership on the Telecommunications Panel, the Chairman of which is Mr. H. P. Corwith, Vice President, Western Union Telegraph Company, 60 Edison Street, Room A-33, New York 13, New York.

I understand that, in an informal conversation with Mr. Friedman last June, you expressed willingness to serve on the above-mentioned panel in order to assist us in some of our problems. Please accept this nomination with the assurance that your assistance can be a real contribution to the national defense.

If you do not have the required storage facilities (three-combination safe or its equivalent) for the inclosure, please return it in the double envelope inclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director

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Ltr to Dr. Ralph K. Potter

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

M/R: Invitation for membership on Telecommunications Panel of NSASAB.  
In an informal conversation with Mr. Friedman (S/ASST) in June Dr. Potter  
expressed willingness to assist us in some of our problems. Dr. Potter  
is currently Cleared and Indoctrinated. EEC concurs.

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