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Dr. John von Neumann
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Dear Dr. von Neumann:

At the last meeting of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board, it was agreed to establish 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, who can be called upon for services or special consultation in matters of importance to this Agency. It is proposed that the panels meet formally, very infrequently, and that panel members may be called upon on an individual consultant basis. When the panels are operating as such, they will work through their chairmen, who will report to the Board.

It is my understanding that you have expressed willingness to serve on the Mathematics Panel, in addition to your current service on the Scientific Advisory Board. The Chairman of this Panel is Dr. H. P. Robertson, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

I wish to express my appreciation for your active interest in our problems and for your valued contributions to their solutions.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE
 Lieutenant General, US Army
 Director

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M/R: Dr. ~~Wilks~~ expressed willingness to serve on the Mathematics Panel of the NSASAB and we are informing him that Dr. Robertson will be Chairman of this Panel.

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IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO: Dr. S. S. Wilks - Serial: