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President

February 25, 1954

Lieutenant General R. J. Canine
Director
National Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Canine:

I was pleased to receive your invitation to serve on the Telecommunications Panel being established by the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board. It was gratifying to learn of the formation of the Panel, and I hope you will express to Mr. Corwith my best wishes for its successful operation.

Despite my very great personal interest in this subject, I feel I must decline your invitation to serve on the Panel. My present assignment as President of Sandia Corporation is a very demanding one, not only because of the importance of our work in connection with atomic weapons, but also because much of the technology and most of the individuals concerned are new to me. During the last five months I have been fully occupied with the task of learning about people and problems.. There is little likelihood that these tasks will be less demanding during the next year or so. These factors, together with the distance of my present location from your operation combine to make it inadvisable for me to accept the additional responsibilities you outlined.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success in the operation of your agency, and of the new panels of your Scientific Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. W. McRAE
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