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National Security Agency
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Att'n W. F. Friedman

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of May 14 and for the notice of the meeting on June 11 and 12. I am completely satisfied both with the notice and with the agenda.

As far as the SCAMP situation is concerned there are many reasons, most of which have undoubtedly occurred to you, why it would be unfortunate to shift the program to Cal Tech for this summer. Not the least of these is the fact that a number of prospective participants, including me, have made housing arrangements with the idea that the program would be at the INA. I have already paid a month's rent and am completely committed to a house which is convenient to the INA but which would involve excessive commuting to get to Pasadena. Others may have done the same sort of thing. In particular, I believe Gordon Pall has made a commitment. Thus a transfer of locale should be considered only as a desperate last resort.

I expect to be in Washington on May 27, 28 and 29. On the 28th I shall be at meetings of the National Research Council Division of Mathematics. On either or both of the other two days I shall be free to work on matters connected with SCAMP or the Advisory Board. I need no travel orders for this trip in May since the National Research Council will pay my transportation.

In having travel orders prepared for the June 11 and 12 meeting I hope the example can be followed which permitted me to travel by way of Chicago instead of Indianapolis. I believe this was done by specifying a deviation through Chicago which can be justified, if necessary, by the opportunity of seeing Albert or Pall.

Incidentally, I have received opinions only from Corwith and McPherson in response to my request of March 24 concerning the SCAMP program. Have you received any replies? If not, I suppose we should wait until the June meetings to get further opinions although Miss Rees would undoubtedly have preferred to have them before that time.

Sincerely yours,

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