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TO : AFSA-OOT

DATE: 21 April 1951

FROM Mary C. Lane

SUBJECT. Interim Report on SCAG

1. With regard to the ten original "principals" mentioned in Memorandum, AFSA-00B/jow, Serial: 00104, the status is apparently as follows:

Dr. John von Neumann, Institute of Advanced Studies, Frinceton University, is interested and indicated that he wished to consult with Captain Wenger. There is no indication whether Captain Wenger did see him, as planned.

Dr. Stewart S. Cairns, Head of the Department of Mathematics, University of Illinois, is willing to serve and has received Form 60. Dr. Cairns is a member of the RDB Board on Security Equipment, and can provide necessary coordination between that panel and SCAG.

Dr. Charles B. Tompkins, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., has consented to serve and it is stated that he "thought well of the plan"

Dr. Claude Shannon, Bell Telephone Laboratories, has, according to AFSA-16, a "Q" clearance and can be cleared for work, if he consents to serve. He is to be approached throughtDr. R. K. Potter of the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Dr. Howard T. Engstrom, Vice President, Engineering Research Associates, Arlington, Virginia, has accepted. He is already under contract with the Navy in connection with projects being carried on for AFSA on matters not connected with those to be considered by SCAG.

Dr. Hassler Whitney, Professor, Mathematics, Harvard University. AFSA-16 has yet to report on his clearance.

Dr. Saunders MacIane, University of Chicago. No references to his status were found. April 100 -

Dr. Dean Montgomery, Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton University. No references to his status were found.

Dr. R.K. Potter, Bell Telephone Laboratories, has his Form 60 and has consulted previously on AFSA matters has a member of the RDB Board on Security Equipment. Dr. Potter, with Dr. Cairns, can serve as coordinators between that panel and SCAG.

Hr. Joseph Desch, National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, has been sent a letter concerning his possible participation in the program. The letter was sent by Captain Wenger.



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2. With regard to the seven additional possibilities, six of whom were proposed by the DIRAFSA (Draft of minutes of AFSA meeting to discuss plans for SCAG,29 March 1951) and one of whom was proposed by Dr. Kullback, the status is apparently as follows:

Dr. John Howard, Burroughs Adding Machine Company. Captain Wenger indicated in a confidential note that Dr. Howard is leaving the company, and therefore he should not be approached at present.

Mr. Stephen W. Dunwell, International Business Machine Corporation. No references to him were found.

Mr. Arthur Tyler, Eastman Kodak Company. No references to him were found.

Dr. A. Melvin Skellett, National Union. No references to him were found.

Mr. Hugh Duncan, Remington Rand. Captain Wenger indicated in a confidential note that Mr. Duncan may shortly leave Remington Rand and therefore he should not be approached at present.

Dr. Willy Feller, Princeton University, was suggested as an expert in the field of probability and statistics. Dr. Campaigne stated that he thought Dr. Feller would be an excellent addition. No further references were found.

No name was suggested to represent the Teletype Corporation which was one of the large industrial firms mentioned by DIRAFSA for representation on SCAG.

3. The following questions regarding personnel are noted:

a. Has Captain Wenger conferred with Dr. von Neumann, and what was result of the conference, if one occurred?

b. Has Dr. Potter approached Dr. Shannon, and has the latter agreed?

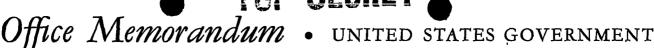
c. Of those who have indicated their consent (Drs. Cairns, Tompkins, Engstrom, Potter), has notification of the conference on 1 May heen sent?

d. What is the clearance of Dr. Whitney?

e. What is the status of Drs. MacLane, Montgomery from the original list, Messrs. Dunwell, Tyler, Skellet, and Dr. Feller from the second list?

f. Has a name been submitted for Teletype Corporation?

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4. With regard to policy, and particularly with reference to the draft of minutes of the meeting to discuss plans for SCAG, the following questions arise:

a. Is the meeting tentatively set for 1 May to be carried out, and if so, have potential members been notified?

b. Have "dry runs" of lectures or presentations been carried out as planned -- specifically the "dry runs" of LCDR Gleason and Mr. Kirby for 16 April?

c. Have the suggestions of the DIRAFSA in regard to the c nference been carried out: (1) assignment of a specific member of AFSA to serve as guide and assistant to the SCAG member to whom assigned; (2) arrangments for "FV" badges for members of SCAG; (3) setting aside of conference rooms for presentations; (4) arrangments for lectures with time limits set as indicated in the tentative agenda for the conference?

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