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Professor S. S. Wilks
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Dear Professor Wilks:

I was very glad to learn that you have tentatively accepted the invitation, preferred you last Friday orally by Admiral Wenger and Mr. Friedman, to be a member of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board. I understand from Mr. Friedman that you desired a little time to think the matter over before coming to a final decision, but in the meantime have tentatively reserved a day or two, beginning on 26 January 1953, to join with the other members of the Board at its first meeting in Washington.

With a view to assisting you in coming to a decision, I am sending you under separate cover a paper which sets forth the mission and functions of the Board. You will note that emphasis is placed upon individual consultation rather than upon group deliberation and action. Therefore, participation in formal Board meetings should not prove burdensome, since Professor Cairns, the Chairman, shares my belief that there should be no more than two or three such meetings a year. In addition, I wish to assure you that we will call upon you for individual consultation only on statistical problems of urgent character, and naturally expect you to serve in such capacity only as your time and convenience will permit. Whenever you come to Washington in our behalf, the Agency will pay the cost of your travel plus a fee of \$50.00 per day.

I hope you will write me promptly, confirming your acceptance of my invitation to become a member of the Board. I will add that I am looking forward to having you with us on 26 January.

Sincerely,

cc: AG
C/S
ViceDir
GCNS

RALPH J. CANINE
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Director

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