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Dear Professor von Neumann:

Thank you very much for your courtesy and cooperation in reviewing and returning Professor Cairns' report. Your taking so much time and thought, amid many other pressing duties, to reply to my 18 September letter is certainly appreciated. I have directed my assistants to give most careful consideration to all the observations you have made in your letter and it is probable that we shall wish to consult with you in the near future in connection with some of them.

I wish to assure you of my special appreciation of your valued assistance in the past and of your offer of further help.

Sincerely,

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M/R: Self-explanatory. Ref. DIR's ltr to Prof. von Neumann serial 0579 dtd 18 Sep 52, and Prof. von Neumann's ltr to DIR dtd 6 Oct 52.

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