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Dr. W. R. G. Baker
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Dear Dr. Baker:

At the last meeting of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board, it was agreed to establish three panels devoted respectively to the fields of mathematics, telecommunications, and electronics. It is the intention of the Board to staff these panels with eminent scientists who can be called upon for special service or consultation in matters of importance to this Agency. It is proposed that formal meetings of the panels be very infrequent and that, as a general rule, panel members be called upon to serve only as their convenience permits and on an individual consultant basis. When the panels are operating as such, they will work through their chairmen, who will report to the Board.

It is my understanding that you have expressed willingness to serve on the Electronics Panel, in addition to your current service as a member of the Board itself. The Chairman of this Panel is Mr. John C. McPherson, Vice President, International Business Machines Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York; and he will be writing you soon to ask you to confirm your willingness to serve on his panel and to notify you of the date when the panel may have its first full meeting.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for your active interest in our problems and for your valued contributions to their solution.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

Copy furnished:
Chairman of the Electronics Panel

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Ltr to Dr. W. R. G. Baker - *Reply rec'd 22 Dec. 53 (R.S. 10045)*

cc: AG
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M/R: Dr. Baker expressed willingness to serve on the Electronics Panel of the NSASAB and we are informing him that Mr. McPherson will be Chairman of the Panel and when and how he will be requested to serve on the panel.

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