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Dear Tommy:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 April. I can well understand your reluctance in making a second across-the-continent jump between the two you now have scheduled and therefore I will not press you to attend the Panel meetings on 20-21 May. As a matter of fact, you as an old-timer will not lose very much by your inability to attend at this time because we have many newcomers on the Panels and the first meeting is naturally designed to be of more benefit to them.

In lieu of your not attending we will probably send you a report of the meeting and will hope that you can come the next time.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
 Executive Secretary
 NSA Scientific Advisory Board

cc: AG
 C/S
 S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: Acknowledging Dr. Tompkin's letter of 19 Apr and noting his inability to attend Panel meetings of 20-21 May is not a matter of great concern.

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