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Dr. Claude Shannon
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Dear Dr. Shannon:

I am pleased with your acceptance of the invitation to be a member of the Mathematics Panel of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board (NSASAB).

Doctor Stewart S. Cairns, Chairman of the NSASAB, informs me that he has already written to you concerning a study of certain types of general-purpose, flexible analytic equipment and that he expects to hear from you soon in regard to this matter.

I feel sure that even a limited amount of your time devoted to the study of some of our problems would be very helpful, and for this reason I hope that the pressure of your other work will not prevent such an effort in our behalf.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board itself will be held on 20 and 21 April. At that time it is expected that a report on the panel membership will be submitted to the Board, together with some additional problems that can also be referred for specific panel action.

I wish to thank you for your ready acceptance of my invitation, since it is indicative of your interest in and your estimate of the importance of the problems with which we must contend in the interest of the national defense. I am looking forward to seeing you when you are next in Washington.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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

M/R: Acknowledgment of Dr. Shannon's ltr dtd 2 Feb 54. Dr. Shannon accepts Gen.Canine's invitation for membership on the Mathematics Panel of the NSASAB.

M.M.Felerski/s/ASST/60493/10 Feb 54

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