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Dear Dr. Samuel:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 8 September 1954, which was referred to this office by the Vice Director.

In the light of past experience in connection with affairs of the NSA Scientific Advisory Board and its Panels I do not anticipate that there will be a need to send very much, if any, classified material to you. However, in the event that such a need does arise, it would be on such an infrequent basis and of such small volume, that limiting its distribution to yourself in keeping with the "need to know" principle would not, I think, become a burden to you nor complicate your office procedures. When a need to send such material for information purposes does exist, we always enclose appropriate return-addressed envelopes, so that if the possession of such material does complicate matters for you, it can be returned to us as soon as you have read it. I think you can appreciate the reason for our hesitancy in obtaining any clearances other than such as are absolutely essential. The clearance agencies are already very much handicapped by a large back-log.

Your interest in the security considerations pertinent to your membership on our Electronics Panel is indeed appreciated. If there are any further questions on this or any other matter, please feel free to write me.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
Executive Secretary  
NSA Scientific Advisory Board

cc: AG  
C/S  
S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)  
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M/R: Answer to a request from Dr. Samuel for a security Clearance for his secretary.

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