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From: Chief of Naval Research
 To: Navy Comptroller
 Via: Chief of Naval Operations (Op 37)

Subj: Permission to transfer funds to the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce for a temporary acceleration of Government Order NA 26-47; request for

- Encl: (1) Director of National Security Agency ltr Ser 1970 dtd 23 April 1953 to ONR
 (2) Director of National Security Agency ltr Ser 841 dtd 2 March 1953 to the Secretary of Commerce
 (3) Ltr of Acting Secretary of Commerce to Director of National Security Agency dtd 23 March 1953

1. Because of the success of a symposium held in the summer of 1952 at the Institute for Numerical Analysis of the National Bureau of Standards, the Director of the National Security Agency requested by enclosure (1) that arrangements be made by this Office to hold another such symposium in the summer of 1953. This symposium will be concerned with research necessary to maintain a favorable position for the United States with regard to secure communications and related methods, devices, and counter-measures. It will also carry out on the electronic digital computing equipment installed at the Institute for Numerical Analysis, computations reducing theoretical advances to concrete numerical terms from which improved operating techniques may be derived. More detailed information would up-grade this memorandum to Top Secret and can be provided only by the Director of the National Security Agency.

2. The importance of the problems to be discussed is attested by the Director of the National Security Agency in enclosure (2) which contained a request that the work be carried out at the National Bureau of Standards. By reference (3), the Acting Secretary of Commerce signified willingness to conduct the Symposium. Funds in the amount of \$70,000 were subsequently transferred by the Director of the National Security Agency to this Office for support of the proposed Symposium and for other expenses incidental to the maintenance of continuity in the program. The highly classified character of the problems to be discussed makes it advisable that the proposed Symposium be held in a government establishment.

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3. As stated in enclosure (2), the majority of the participants in the proposed Symposium will be scientists employed on temporary, excepted appointments for a period of two months. It has been necessary to make early commitments to these gentlemen in order to be sure of obtaining their services before they make other arrangements for the summer.

4. It is requested that permission be granted to this Office to transfer funds in the amount of \$70,000 to the National Bureau of Standards to finance the work requested by the Director of the National Security Agency.

C.V.L.Smith
G.Butler
29 Apr 53

(4 copies of this ltr made 3 June 53)
1 copy attached to memo to Gen L, subj. SCAMP 1953, dtd 18(?) May 53
2 copies sent to Mr. Beahler for his files

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