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National Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. W. F. Friedman

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Paige has suggested that I write a letter as follows to SCAMP prospects:

"It has been ordered that there will be no new appointments under Civil Service until further notice. We must also interpret this to apply to University Contracts supported by the Office of Naval Research. These orders and interpretations apply to the 1953 SCAMP project.

"Under these conditions, it is necessary that our offers to you for participation in the 1953 SCAMP project be made contingent on the withdrawal or amending of this Executive Order.

"The sponsoring agencies of the 1953 SCAMP project have already appealed for the continuation of the project and the employment of personnel.

"We have reason to believe that they will be successful in their appeal; but it seems reasonable to caution you of the present situation and the contingency of our offer.

"You will be immediately notified when there is a clarification of the status of the 1953 SCAMP project."

Before doing so, I felt I should check with you to see whether (1) this letter represents the present state of affairs, (2) if so, whether you expect so early a clarification as to make the letter unnecessary and (3) whether you have any suggestions concerning its wording.

I am writing to Paige to see whether he feels the letter should go to all prospects or whether negotiations have proceeded far enough with some of them so as to make their appointment certain.

Sincerely yours,

S. S. Cairns
Head of the Department

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