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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
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Lieut. General Ralph J. Canine, USA  
Director, National Security Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Canine:

Your letter of March 3 requested that the Department of Commerce authorize the temporary appointment by the National Bureau of Standards of approximately fifteen mathematicians in order to conduct a symposium this coming summer on certain problems of interest to the work of your agency. This Department will be pleased to cooperate with you on this program and will make the authorizations necessary to carry out the symposium as planned.

This reply was delayed pending clarification of the effect of some impending personnel and administrative changes in the Applied Mathematics Division of the National Bureau of Standards on the contemplated symposium. As a result of discussions between representatives of the National Bureau of Standards, the Office of Naval Research, and the Department's Security Control Officer, it was determined that the symposium could be carried out within the framework of the impending changes. Dr. Franz L. Alt, Acting Chief of the Bureau's Applied Mathematics Division, will have general responsibility for the program in the Bureau's Washington office and Dr. C. B. Tompkins will have immediate responsibility for it at the Los Angeles office.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. BOUTWELL  
Acting Secretary of Commerce