December 5, 1952

National Security Agency
Washington 25 D.C.
Attention Mr. Campanile

Dear Hovie:

Not having my files at hand I am writing to inquire as to how much was estimated for salaries and travel expenses of 1953 participants other than Koken, me and any who are to be on loan from their employers. Also I am wondering about the amounts estimated for computation. In the latter connection, I feel we should allow for a certain margin of safety since there is less damage done if money is left over for later use than if we run short during the program.

I have written exploratory letters to almost all of the prospects listed in a recent confidential memorandum of which you should have received a copy. I am wondering about the availability of Roberts. Could you inquire? I have also done nothing about Wolf or about Ulam. I am still going on the assumption that the total size of the project will be such as to involve approximately the same space requirements as last year.

If any matters occur to you which I may have neglected or on which you wish to comment I hope you will let me know.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. Cairns
Head of the Department

CC: Mr. W. F. Friedman
    Professor Lowell Paige

P.S. I feel that not less than $50,000 should be transferred though perhaps more might be desirable. Does this agree with your impression?