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Armed Forces Security Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Att'n William F. Friedman

Dear Mr. Friedman:

On thinking things over since our conversation of today, I have become more and more of the opinion that it would be wise for me to come to Washington for November 10, 11 and 12 in addition to coming during the Thanksgiving vacation. The principal reason is that I feel no time should be lost in commencing the recruitment of personnel for next summer's project. In order to commence this task, I should like to consult the files which I left in AFSA 34. Unless such a visit would be inconvenient, I should like to have travel orders permitting me to use Illinois Central between here and Chicago and B and O between Chicago and Washington, leaving here on Sunday, November 9. This means, of course, that travel orders would have to reach me by Friday, November 7, or at the very latest, Saturday, November 8, in which case they might be sent special delivery to my home address, 607 West Michigan Avenue, I could legitimately charge both trips to my ONR contract but I think it more appropriate to do it this way since my working time on both trips will be partly for AFSASAB and partly for SCAMP. Also, two trips so close together for ONR might call for explanation here at the University.

I feel that approximately three weeks can be saved in initiating the recruitment of personnel by making this trip and those three weeks could be crucial in such matters as clearance procedures or even questions of availability for the summer.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stewart

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