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TO : AFSA-OOT

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FROM : Mary C. Lane

SUBJECT: Interim report on progress of SCAG

1. The following recent developments in SCAG are noted:

(a) A detailed presentation for members of SCAG submitted by Mr. Rowlett on 24 April 1951 -- three pages outlining the topics to be discussed with time allotments. *[See attached]*

(b) Forwarding of the agenda with the five members to attend the conference on 4 June -- to Dr. William Webster. Members mentioned at that time (5 May) were: von Neumann, Cairns, Tompkins, Engstrom, Potter.

(c) Since that time two letters have been written to Dr. Kelly of Bell Laboratories about the services of Dr. Shannon. One was from Gen. Smith of CIA (a copy of which was furnished AFSA by Kingman Douglass) and one by Adm. Stone. The last note from Capt. Wenger indicated that Shannon was interested and would want to consult whether he felt he could contribute to the problem. Capt. Wenger promised to send an emissary to explain matters to him as soon as his clearance was verified.

(d) Mr. Desch has accepted but no notice has been received whether he would attend the conference.

(e) Notice was received from Miss Embrey that records of OSRD were destroyed (this was a follow-up of your letter to Irvin Stewart)

(f) Other names added to SCAG since the last report:
John Howard -- added by Adm. Stone (clearance not known)
John Cloud McPherson -- nominated by IBM. AFSA-17 is checking on his clearance

(g) A report is on file from AFSA-16 on the clearance status of the following:

Ralph Lee Palmer of IBM -- cleared for SECRET
Hugh Duncan, Remington Rand (clearance satisfactory to AFSA)
Wilks, Samuel (evaluated satisfactory by AFSA)
David Blackwell - (evaluated satisfactory by AFSA)
Mark Mac -- cleared for SECRET

2. AFSA-OOB has sent a note saying that it he thinks it desirable for the first SCAG meeting to be prepared in detail so that their efforts will be channeled to the technical problems rather than being diverted at least initially. Mr. Rowlett's agenda appears to be detailed. That is the only one so far received.

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