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Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. William F. Friedman
Director, Armed Forces Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

You have probably now received notice of the next SCAG Conference to be held on 12 and 13 March 1952. The agenda for this Conference mentions a private opening session scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on 12 March in Room 3E-1020, The Pentagon. The reasons for this private session are set forth in the following paragraphs. In addition, we have proposed a list of topics for the discussion which we are submitting herewith so that you may have some time to consider them before the meeting.

It would be appreciated if you could advise us by return mail (via enclosed envelope) whether or not you will be present. We hope you will find it convenient to attend, since this meeting is important.

To date, five meetings of SCAG have been held. It has been suggested that the time is now appropriate for a report on the findings of this Committee, to be made available to both the Director, AFSA, and the Chairman, RDB. It is hoped that this initial meeting can record the accomplishments and recommendations of the Group. Mr. Post will endeavor to draw up the consensus of this Group at the end of the discussion and prepare a paper for SCAG approval on the following morning. It is further contemplated that SCAG will meet at 2:30 p.m. on 13 March with General Canine, to discuss with him the content of the paper.

Our proposed topics and questions are:

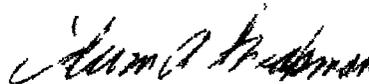
- (1) How does SCAG feel it can help? Collectively or individually? Is the concept of SCAG worthwhile?
- (2) Is SCAG properly constituted or organized?
- (3) Are the members so in demand by other agencies that their effort is diluted?

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- (4) What can be done to facilitate the solution of the primary problem?
- (5) What additional requirements should be met (funds, buildings, sites, equipment, personnel, etc.)?
- (6) Suggested future plans regarding AFSA.
- (7) Should outside contracts be let? If so, to what purpose and extent?
- (8) To what extent and where should long term or basic research be conducted?
- (9) To what extent could individual members contribute more time to AFSA problems?
- (10) Have SCAG members any comments or suggestions regarding AFSA's organization for and attack on the major problem?
- (11) Other comments.

Sincerely,



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Vice Chairman

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