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Mr. Joseph R. Neesh
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Dear Donch:

As you may have surmised, certain activities with which you were connected during World War II have continued since that time. In fact they have been receiving added emphasis in recent months as a result of the increasing tension of the international situation. In order to insure that our effort will be as effective as possible under the circumstances, we have recently obtained permission to establish a group of consultants to advise on some of our more difficult problems with which all three of the Military Services are vitally concerned. The group is being sponsored by the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense, whose Chairman, Mr. William Webster, is taking a personal interest in the project.

The group is now being organized and it is hoped to include in its membership, initially, about ten of the top flight mathematicians and electronics engineers who are likely to be able to help on our particular problems. The membership will gradually be expanded as needs develop. In considering possible candidates, you were, of course, one of the first that came to mind. I am writing, therefore, to ask if you would be interested in helping. Our idea is to have the group assemble for a few days periodically so that we can present to them certain of our problems and obtain such advice as they may be able to offer, either at the time or subsequently. Proceedings will be on an informal basis and necessary assistance will be provided by us. Problems initially will be primarily in the computing and statistical fields and will be of the general nature of those undertaken by you during the war. Usual travel expenses and consultant fees will be paid by the Research and Development Board, the fee in mind being about \$45.00 per day.. These details will be definitely arranged in the event that you agree to serve.

I can assure you that the project is regarded as of the greatest importance by responsible authorities at the highest government level. Your services are particularly desired and I hope that you can see your way to assisting. If you are interested, I will arrange the necessary formalities. Meanwhile, should you desire any additional information, please let me know.

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In view of the classified nature of this matter, I must request that you confine discussion of it to those whose approval in your company must be obtained.

I trust this finds both you and Mrs. Beach in good health.

Looking forward to an early and favorable reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. N. WINKLER

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