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Dr. R.C. Gibbs, Chairman  
Admissions Committee  
Cosmos Club  
2121 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

As one of the sponsors of the inclosed proposal for membership of Dr. Winston M. Scott, it is my pleasure to write this letter in further support thereof.

I have known Dr. Scott for almost four years, our association arising from collaboration in committee work dealing with an important aspect of national defense. I have come to have a very high regard for Dr. Scott's scholarly attainments and personality, and in fact, I think he meets the qualifications which have been established for membership in our club.

It is certain, in my opinion, that had Dr. Scott continued to devote himself wholly to work in the academic world, and specifically in the mathematical field, he would have become eminent therein. But his capabilities for making an outstanding contribution to the effectiveness of the intelligence service of our government have led to his being selected for such service and to his devotion thereto.

In performing that governmental service during World War II he evoked the high regard and esteem of his colleagues and of their opposite numbers in similar services of other governments with which we were allied. Upon the conclusion of the war, Dr. Scott was persuaded to remain in the service of our government and has risen to be one of the key officials in his agency.

I think Dr. Scott would make an excellent addition to the membership of our club. I realize that your Committee will be handicapped by Dr. Scott's inability, and by his sponsors' inability, to submit more data to support his candidacy under categories (a) and (c) of the proposal, but this is because of the high security classification of such data and not because of their non-existence. In lieu thereof I inclose a letter from

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, which I hope will assist your Committee in arriving at a favorable conclusion. However, if your Committee needs more information and if it is our power to obtain and submit it, Dr. Chadwell and I will do our utmost to satisfy the Committee's requirements.

In closing I wish to add that I regard Dr. Scott as a man of highest personal integrity, of excellent habits and repute, distinguished in the intelligence field, and of most attractive personality. His family consists only of himself and a wife who is of Irish extraction and who also has a very pleasing personality.

I earnestly urge favorable action by your Committee.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

Inclosures:

- 1) Proposal for membership
- 2) Letter from DCI
- 3) Letter from Dr. Chadwell
- 4) Letter from Dr. Cranwell
- 5) Six papers by Dr. Scott