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Dr. James S. Koehler
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Dear Dr. Koehler:

The National Security Agency is anxious to be able to call upon eminent scientists such as yourself for part-time services or for special consultation in matters of extreme importance to the national defense.

At its last meeting, the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board agreed to establish three scientific panels covering the fields of mathematics, telecommunications and electronics. It is proposed that formal meetings of the panels be very infrequent, and that, as a general rule, panel members be called upon to assist the Agency on an individual consultant basis and then only as their own time and convenience will permit. The problems involved can entail work on both the applied and research levels.

You have been recommended as a possible nominee for membership on the Telecommunications Panel, but in this connection I emphasize that no commitment as to your services is intended or can be made at this time.

Since the Agency's work is highly classified, there are certain procedures necessary in connection with granting access to its work. If you are interested in assisting us in some of our problems, it is requested that you fill out the inclosed forms so that we can bring any previous clearances you may have had up to date for our purposes. On the Personal History Statement please fill in every blank, even if the only possible reply is "None" or "Inapplicable." The fingerprint cards can be completed at any police station, service recruiting center, or similar activity. I realize this will be an onerous task, but it is an unavoidable inconvenience.

If you find it more convenient merely to return a pencilled copy of the Personal History Statement, we can have it typed for you. When you have completed the forms, please return them and their processing will be initiated.

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If you indicate a desire to serve on this Panel, I assure you that you would be called upon for such services or consultation only on problems of a rather vital nature to our national defense.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CAMINS
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

2 Incls:

1. PHS (in dupl.)
2. Fingerprint card (in dupl.)

cc: AG
C/S
S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)
SEC

M/R: As a possible member of the Telecommunications Panel of the NSASAB we are requesting Dr. Kochler to fill out PHS and fingerprints for clearance purposes.

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