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Dear Tommy:

We have checked on the letter Dilworth received from the Department of Commerce and find that it is not much to get concerned about. Commerce has asked Dilworth to explain his associations with four individuals who are considered to be poor security risks. Robertson, who got this information from Dilworth, knows the names of the four individuals and feels that Dilworth will have no trouble explaining them. One of them was member of the faculty of CalTech before he went to jail for perjury in a case involving communism. I have discussed this with Franz Alt and if Dilworth's explanation does not elicit a clean bill of health we will ask Commerce to conduct a complete field investigation.

On the basis of conversations with you, Cairns and Mina Rees, I have been thinking about how we could get SCAMP off to a bang-up start. It seems to me that it is desirable to have a course like the eight-lecture-course which you suggested on Agency matters given during the first two or three weeks. This is a slight departure from your suggestion of one lecture per week for the full eight weeks, but I think it has its merits. I think something like three lectures a week for the first two and one-half weeks makes sense. This has the advantage that Mina Rees and Marshall Hall would be present for the full set of lectures, the former as a student and the latter as a professor. In this connection Rothaus and I plan to visit Marshall and discuss with him some lectures relating to permutation problems. Between the three of us we will have no trouble in handling the presentation. In addition I am working on Lou Tordella to get him to come out to SCAMP in order to give some lectures on communication theory. Since it will be easier to convince Lou to come out for two rather than eight weeks, this is another advantage accruing from compressing the eight lectures into a shorter interval of time.

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Henry De Francesco is working on the SCAMP programs and their write-ups. It is planned that he will report to UCLA on 17 June in order to get a running start. He has heard of a program written by Handy for von Neumann's assignment problem. He feels that this might be a good problem to write up. If you feel that this makes sense, can you send us some information about Handy's program for Henry to work on? If this is not feasible, he may be able to do the write-up after he gets out to UCLA.

Please pass on to Paige my thanks for his letter of 21 April. The only item in it which needs a reply is the one concerning Whiteman. As I indicated to you when you were here, Al is more interested in being in Washington than in California this summer so I think we can drop him from consideration in SCAMP without hurting anyone's feelings or causing anyone to shed any tears. This is particularly true since I don't think Al will be cleared in time to be of use in either place.

Cordially,

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M/R: Dr. Tompkins is working on SCAMP preparations in Los Angeles. This letter discusses various administrative matters which have arisen, such as clearance for Dilworth and hiring of Whiteman and outline of Agency work for participants.

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