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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William Webster, Chairman, Research and Development Board

SUBJECT: Special Cryptologic Advisory Group (SCAG)

Reference: Memorandum for the Chairman, Research and Development Board, from Director, Armed Forces Security Agency, dated 23 February 1951, same subject

Enclosures: Agenda for First Conference of SCAG

1. a. The enclosure to the reference listed the names of ten potential members of SCAG. Thus far, the following have indicated their willingness to serve on SCAG:

- (1) Dr. John von Neumann
- (2) Dr. Stewart S. Cairns
- (3) Dr. Charles B. Tompkins
- (4) Dr. Howard T. Engstrom
- (5) Dr. R. K. Fetter

b. It is understood that you will prepare and forward formal invitations to the foregoing members, and will handle necessary paperwork in connection with their consultative services.

c. Information with regard to the availability of the other potential members of SCAG listed in the enclosure to the reference will be furnished as soon as practicable.

2. Subject to your concurrence, the following arrangements for the initial SCAG meeting are proposed:

a. It is desired to open the conference on 4 June at the Naval Security Station, 3801 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, and to carry on discussions for two days.

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b. The proposed agenda, attached hereto, is forwarded for your consideration. You will note that it includes brief welcoming remarks by you, and Lt. General Walter B. Smith. I shall invite the latter, unless you wish to do so.

c. It is hoped that Mr. Speakman will be able to attend this conference.

d. Following the opening session, the Conference would immediately begin the technical presentations and discussions.

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Agenda  
for  
First Conference of SCAG  
4-5 June 1951

Opening Session - 10:00 A.M., 4 June

1. Briefing (for access to COMINT) of non-indoctrinated members, if any.  
To be done by Captain Wenger.
2. Brief addresses of welcome:  
Mr. William Webster, Chairman, Research and Development Board  
General Walter B. Smith, USA, Director of Central Intelligence.
3. Presentation regarding AFSA:  
Organization; position in Department of Defense and Armed Forces; relationships with other U.S. agencies and bodies such as USCIB and AFSAC.  
To be given by Rear Admiral Karl E. Stone, USN, Director, AFSA.
4. Presentation regarding the importance and value of COMINT in national defense.  
To be given by Captain J. N. Wenger, USN, Deputy Director, AFSA.
5. Presentation by Mr. Speakman on procedural matters.

11:30 A.M. Break - for luncheon

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## Technical Sessions

1:00 P.M. - 4 June

1. Presentation to illustrate how a complex COMINT problem was successfully handled in World War II.

To be given by LCDR Gleason, USNR, AFSA.

(1 hour)

2. Presentation on AFSA project task SWEATER.

To be given by Mr. Albert E. Roberts, of Engineering Research Associates.

(45 min.)

3. Presentation on AFSA's position and program in the field of electronic computers.

To be given by Drs. Campaigne and Eachus, AFSA.

(45 min.)

9:00 A.M. - 5 June

4. Presentation and discussion of specific problems on which AFSA desires assistance from SCAG, interspersed with brief tours through pertinent working spaces of AFSA-02 and AFSA-03.

(All day)

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