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REMARKS

As per conference today with
Messrs. Spalderson & Foster,
hearing draft of a letter
which Adam Stone might
suggest to Gen Smith.

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Dr. M.J. Kelly,
President, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.,
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New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kelly:

One of the Government's most important sources of information forming the basis for the production of high-level intelligence of all sorts is the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA), whose present Director is Rear Admiral E.E. Stone, USN.

A very small group of consultants is now being organized under the auspices of the Research and Development Board, Department of Defense, to assist AFSA in its attempts to solve certain problems of a most important and urgent character. Admiral Stone has indicated to me that the strength of this R&D group of consultants called the Special Cryptologic Advisory Group (SCAG) would be materially enhanced by the addition of Dr. G.E. Shannon, of your Laboratories, to its present membership, as indicated in the enclosure to this letter. I realize, of course, that you have already been good enough to permit Dr. R.K. Potter, of your Laboratories, to serve on SCAG and that therefore you may be reluctant to permit two of the most valuable members of the Laboratories to serve on the same advisory body. Admiral Stone feels, however, that Dr. Shannon, by virtue of his outstanding position in the communications research field, could make such significant and valuable contributions to the problems under study that a request to you to waive the latter consideration would be appropriate. Anything you can do to make Dr. Shannon's participation on SCAG possible would be greatly appreciated.

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