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Dear John:

Several weeks ago I was happy to receive your note of 14 July and I thank you for it as well as for autographing the copy of Fortune with your article.

It has been decided best for me to retire from active Civil Service but this does not mean that I have severed my long standing relationship with NSA and the Department of Defense. Thanks to the goodwill and what I, of course, regard as foresight on the part of General Canine, I am to continue in a working relationship which will be a good deal less argus since I will be able to work on things I have long been anxious to do and work at them at my own pace and in my own home. I hope to be able to keep up my association with the NSA Scientific Advisory Board and in that way maintain contact with you officially.

At this time I would like to say, however, that within a very few days I will give you a telephone call and hope that you can find time for a visit to my home.

Sincerely yours,

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