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Professor John von Neumann  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
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Dear Professor von Neumann:

The next regular meeting of SCAG, which had been scheduled to be held on 5 and 6 March 1952, is to be held instead on 12 and 13 March. The agenda for the meeting may be sent you in advance thereof.

We would like to have you come here for a day or two to consult on certain specific problems which, we feel, would be of special interest to you. In particular, we would like you to review the calculational procedures we are using in Roberts' matrix method. Also there are numerous subsidiary questions we should like to ask. In addition, a visit before the next SCAG meeting would give you an opportunity to study certain papers, as you did last year.

Dr. Campaigne tells me that you might be able to come here in February, so I suggest that, if convenient, you come on the 25th and 26th. If, however, these dates are inconvenient for you, the dates can easily be changed. If you will be good enough to let me know if the dates indicated are acceptable, I can then arrange for travel orders and be prepared to assign desk space for a couple of days for your convenience in leisurely study and consultation.

I would like to add that Dr. Engstrom has indicated his desire to discuss SCAG affairs with you at the time of your visit in advance of the scheduled meeting. Upon receipt of a reply from you, I will notify him when you expect to be here.

Sincerely,

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28 JAN 1952

Dr. Claude E. Shannon  
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Dear Dr. Shannon:

The next regular meeting of SCAG, which had been scheduled to be held on 5 and 6 March 1952, is to be held instead on 12 and 13 March. The agenda for the meeting may be sent you in advance thereof.

If you can arrange it, I suggest that you come to Washington, to the Navy Security Station, for one or two days' consultation in advance of the scheduled meeting, say on the 12th and 13th of February. Some of my associates would like to consult with you about several things, among which is the theory and computational aspects of an iterative procedure we are using. I think you already know some parts of the problem, at least in a general way. We also have some papers which you might find interesting to review.

Please advise if the date is satisfactory, and I will arrange travel orders and find a desk for you. If it is not consistent with your plans, please name a date which would be more convenient.

Sincerely,

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