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Major General Ralph J. Canine, USA
 Director, Armed Forces Security Agency
 3801 Nebraska Ave., N.W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear General Canine:

I want to extend to you my sincere wishes for success in your new assignment as Director of the Armed Forces Security Agency. You may be assured of the continuing support of the Research and Development Board and of my own personal interest in helping to make a success of the Armed Forces Security Agency activities.

In his letter of 14 July 1951, Admiral Stone invited me to participate as a member of the Special Cryptologic Advisory Group and made certain other recommendations relative to research and development under the Armed Forces Security Agency. I am, therefore, addressing my reply to you in order to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Special Cryptologic Advisory Group. I have followed the activities of this group with considerable interest and feel that it is in a position to make a valuable contribution to the solution of important cryptologic research and development problems.

I have referred to Mr. Walter G. Whitman, who will soon occupy my position as Chairman of the Research and Development Board, the suggestions made by Admiral Stone that a Board of Visitors be established for the purpose of reviewing the general aspects of the Armed Forces Security Agency's effort and that Admiral Redman and Dr. Bush be included as members of the Special Cryptologic Advisory Group. You undoubtedly have ideas on these subjects, and I am sure that Mr. Whitman will want to discuss these matters with you personally.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wm Webster

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 Chairman

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