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Dear Marshall:

Upon my return today from overseas temporary duty, I find your letter of 3 August with regard to your having to resign from the Mathematics Panel of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board.

Both General Canine and Dr. Wilks will join with me, I am sure, in a feeling of disappointment that you will no longer be participating with the other members in the work of the Panel, and we can well understand the reasons for your wishing to resign but may we not regard this rather as a temporary leave of absence from the Panel? Surely in a year or two your situation may change so as to make it possible for you once more to join in active participation. At any rate unless you have serious objection, I would like to suspend action upon your letter of resignation until Dr. Wilks, the Chairman of the Panel, and I have a talk. I expect him to be in Washington very soon.

I am glad that you could participate in the SCAMP program this summer and happy to learn that you were able to make a successful contribution to the work.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
 Executive Secretary
 NSA Scientific Advisory Board

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 S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)
 NSARC (Ens. Williams, PERS)

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