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December 16, 1952

Mr. W. F. Friedman
National Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I enclose copies of an inter-
change of letters with a very capable Chinese
mathematician at Tulane University.

Although I believe I can guess
the answer to the question implied in my letter
to Hu, I still feel that I should refer the
matter to you.

Incidentally, any questions con-
cerning Kac can be dropped as far as 1953 is
concerned since he has other commitments.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stewart

S. S. Cairns
Head of the Department

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Mathematics

December 14, 1952

Professor S. S. Cairns
Department of Mathematics
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Professor Cairns:

I heard from Prof. John Green that there will be
a research project called S. C. A. M. P. to be held next summer
on the U.C.L.A. campus under your capable direction. In my
family, we are planning to spend the summer of 1953 on the
west coast; hence I am much interested. I would appreciate
very much if you could kindly arrange some research position
for me under this project.

Although I am not aware of the exact nature of the
S. C. A. M. P., I am quite confident that I am able to fit in
satisfactorily. This self-confidence is based on the fact
that I had in China a very extensive training of classical
mathematics, especially on analysis and geometry, before I
went to England to start my study on Algebraic Topology at the end
of World War II. I think that I am able to switch myself to do
researches of this project.

Since the academic year at Tulane University is a
little shorter than usual, I shall be able to arrive at
Los Angeles within the first few days of June if you do
appoint me to serve on this project.

With my kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

Sze-tsen Hu

December 16, 1952

Dr. Sze-tsen Hu
Department of Mathematics
Tulane University
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Dear Dr. Hu:

Thank you for your letter of December 14. My acquaintance with the scope of your research work leads me to agree that you would be able to make valuable contributions in connection with the project of next summer.

The only drawback which occurs to me is that all the participants will need to receive a particular type of clearance and some difficulties might result in your case from the fact that you were, I suppose, born in China and spent a considerable part of your life there. I am inquiring into the question whether this will pose an insuperable obstacle and I hope to receive an answer before very long. I will, of course, let you know promptly. In the meantime I wish again to thank you for offering your services.

Yours with best regards.

S. S. Cairns
Head of the Department