

12 November 1952

To: A. M. Gleason  
 Marshall Hall, Jr.  
 R. A. Leibler  
 H. P. Robertson  
 C. B. Tompkins

I have agreed to serve as chairman of a SCAMP-like project on the UCLA campus, as last year, during the summer of 1953. The most urgent preliminary task is the selection of personnel, since clearances will be involved for some of them. I am writing to those listed above in the hope that they will participate next summer and that they will give me almost immediate advice concerning other possible participants. I shall also be very glad to receive, either now or later, suggestions concerning various aspects of the program, but I should not wish to have the first steps toward recruiting personnel unnecessarily delayed in favor of other considerations. As a general rule, I feel that key personnel should nominate junior participants, and that all nominations should be made before December. Letters which can reach Urbana before Tuesday, 25 November should be addressed to me there. From then through 1 December I can be addressed at the Armed Forces Security Agency, AFSA-03, Washington 25, D. C. In your replies, please indicate whether you are nominating any person as a "key" participant or a "junior" participant or in some other category. I raise the following questions.

1. Which of last year's participants do you recommend for 1953? Aside from the writer, those to whom this letter is directed, and personnel in the sponsoring agency, the following took part:

A. A. Albert  
 Truman Botts  
 D. W. Hall  
 E. H. Hanson  
 G. A. Hedlund  
 John C. Koken  
 Lowell Paige  
 A. E. Roberts, Jr.  
 D. C. Spencer (very briefly)  
 James Ward  
 Charles Wexler

2. Are there any of last year's participants who you think should not be reappointed?

3. What are your reactions (positive and negative) to the following, all of whom have been suggested from one source or another.

David Blackwell  
 R. H. Bruck  
 — Alfred Brauer (suggested by Albert)  
 Sarvadaman Chowla  
 A. H. Clifford  
 — M. A. Girschick  
 — Dick Good (suggested by D. W. Hall or G. A. Hedlund)  
 A. J. Hoffman (connected with the Nat'l Bureau of Standards,  
 interested in finite projective planes)  
 Gilbert Hunt  
 — R. D. James  
 Mark Kac  
 I. Kleinfeld (student of Bruck's, suggested by Albert)  
 — H. W. Kuhn  
 Jack Levine  
 Robert J. Levit  
 Saunders MacLane  
 E. E. Moise (has had relevant Naval experience)  
 Gordon Pall  
 — W. A. Pierce (Ass't Prof., Syracuse University, suggested  
 by Albert, interested in finite projective  
 planes)  
 H. J. Rysler  
 — Lowell Schoenfeld  
 — James Singer  
 A. W. Tucker  
 S. M. Ulam  
 J. von Neuman  
 S. S. Wilks  
 J. J. Wolf (suggested by Tompkins for special computational  
 duties)

4. Some people don't like SCAMP as a name for the project. Have you another name to propose?
5. I feel that we should use only people cleared up through secret before the session starts, that we should use primarily those who can stay for the entire two months of July and August, though some who can't stay through might be desirable participants for shorter periods.

Sincerely yours,

Stewart S. Cairns.

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Prof Cairns

P S. As an afterthought, I wish to ask each of you for any opinions or information which will help me estimate the amount of SWAC time to allow for in the budget.