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Address reply in care  
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Dr. H. T. Engstrom, Chairman  
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Dear Howard:

Speaking only for myself, but after conferences with you and others, I suggest that the SCAG contribution, at least in mathematics, could be materially strengthened by arranging for some time consuming research by members and possibly others in congenial surroundings. I believe that such research could be presented to AFSA people at SCAG meetings, and that those meetings might consist of three parts: (A) important new findings and developments at AFSA; (B) AFSA technical reports and recommendations including priorities; (C) SCAG technical reports and reactions to (B).

I suspect that a year around research facility could be established easily with perfectly adequate security guarantees, with good facilities for the congenial surroundings, and with high probability of productivity, especially in summers by means of a contract between CIA and the RAND Corporation. This might serve to provide a means for future effective employment of escaping Reserve Officers also. If such a contract is negotiated, I suggest that CIA immediately arrange for an adequate computing facility there -- preferably the second 1101 -- which I understand has already been ordered, or at least the third --

Sincerely

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