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Dear Dr. Curtiss:

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 1952, with regard to the seminar conducted last summer on behalf of this Agency by the Institute for Numerical Analysis.

There is no need of any apology on your part for bringing to my attention the necessity for working out better fiscal arrangements for next summer's seminar. On the contrary, I appreciate your frankness in regard to this aspect of our cooperation and am quite prepared to make the reimbursement for next summer's seminar conform to the standard going rates for research contracts. I hope that the INA will be in a position to make the administrative and physical arrangements for conducting the seminar similar to those employed last summer. In this connection I want you to know that I realize that the arrangements last summer had to be made rather hastily and that I appreciate the excellent service given us despite that handicap.

You will be pleased to learn, I am sure, that Prof. Cairns has agreed to serve as Chairman of the next seminar. In requesting that he do so I indicated to him that he would not this time, as last, have the burden of both administrative and technical direction of the seminar. I think my promise to him in this regard would best be met if some person, preferably a member of the INA staff, would be designated to serve as Executive Secretary. The cost of his services and that of his clerical assistant could be added to the other costs of conducting the seminar. The designation of an efficient person for this work would go far toward lifting the burden of all administrative arrangements from Prof. Cairns, allowing him much greater freedom for the technical direction of the seminar, as well as for such research as he may wish to conduct in his free time during the seminar. The only limitation I place upon the selection of the Executive Secretary and his assistant is that they must be cleared for classified matters up to and including SECRET.

If the foregoing arrangements can be made, I would appreciate your advising me promptly of the name of the person selected to be Executive Secretary, so that we can soon begin working directly with him. Contractual arrangements for the next seminar are being initiated at once and I hope that we will be able to have all details completed well in advance of 1 July 1953.

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I am glad to learn that the custody of classified documents used in connection with the last seminar will give you little trouble. The possibility of their destruction by fire is not serious, as duplicates exist. The campus police protection of the building, as indicated in your letter, is adequate for security purposes.

In closing, I wish to thank you and your associates at TNA and UCLA for the fine cooperation extended in connection with the last seminar and to say that, with your continued cooperation, I am looking forward with enthusiasm to an even better seminar next summer.

Sincerely,

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M/R: This is in answer to a letter from Dr. Curtiss, dated 22 October 52. It is intended to repeat the summer seminar, SCAMP, at the Institute for Numerical Analysis in Los Angeles; contractual details are yet to be settled.

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