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Dear John:

The next meeting of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board will open at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 April 1954, in the Staff Conference Room (19-232B) at the Naval Security Station, Washington.

Inclosed for your information is a copy of the proposed agenda for the two-day session. Your attention is called to the item on the Cryptologic Equipment Panel. Since this was an item of some discussion at the last NSASAB meeting, and since you are Chairman of that Panel, perhaps a few words from you on its establishment and functions would be of considerable interest to all the other members of NSASAB.

Your letter of 7 April 1954 with reference to the IBM translation program for the 701, I learned from our Mr. Snyder before your letter came that we had already the benefit of certain cards and data IBM had prepared but I have asked him to go into this matter in detail personally and make sure we know all we should know about the translation system and the 701. He plans a trip to talk with your Mr. Sheridan and others on this project.

Thank you also for sending me the copy of the address by Dr. Bush. I thought it most interesting - a concise, forceful, and extremely shrewd picture of our present national situation in research and development matters.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on 20 April.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
 Executive Secretary  
 NSA Scientific Advisory Board

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S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: Notifies Board members on next NSASAB meeting. Requests Mr. McPherson to brief Board on Cryptologic Equipment Panel. Refers to IBM translation program for the 701.

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