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Dear Dr. Samuel:

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 1953 to Rear Admiral Wenger, forwarding your personal history statement and fingerprint cards. The task of filling out the history is an arduous one and I appreciate your completing it for us. This step is merely a preliminary to our initiating the action necessary to obtain the special type of clearance required for access to our activities.

In response to your query as to the extent of duties we are contemplating having you undertake, I wish to assure you that they would hardly be such as to interfere with your chairmanship of the RDB Panel on Electron Tubes. Furthermore, I wish to indicate that before asking you to undertake any sort of duty or service in our behalf I would clear the request with Mr. John C. McPherson, who is a member of this Agency's Scientific Advisory Board and through whom I expect to establish liaison in each case where the consultative services of any IBM technician are desired by us.

Sincerely,

RALPH J. CANINE  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director

cc: AG  
C/S  
S/ASST  
R/D (Dr. Leibler - 34)

M/R: In Dr. Samuel's reply (R.S. 1997) to our ltr (ser. 478, 4 Feb.) requesting PHS & F/P's in establishing proper clearance for NSASAB, SCAMP, etc, he forwarded PHS & F/P's and requested information regarding extent of duties we contemplated having him undertake and whether or not it would interfere with his continuance as Chairman of the RDB Panel on Electron Tubes. We are thanking him for the forms and assuring him that it will not affect his chairmanship.

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