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Dear John:

Thank you very much for sending me a carbon copy of your letter of 6 July 1953 to Dr. Cairns. It alerted me so that I put in that telephone call to you and was very much pleased to learn that you are going to be with us on the 27th of July, prepared to stay with the study group for a couple of weeks. Prof. Werten and Prof. Hill were also extremely pleased when I told them of your acceptance.

The plan at the moment is for the group to assemble on the 27th for a 3-day discussion period and on the 29th begin an air tour of four establishments which will provide information of direct interest to the group in their study of the problem of air defense. Returning to Washington next time during the week end of 1 August, the group plans to have round-table discussions and study the problem for a week beginning 1 August, after which there would be a recess for at least two weeks. The group would then reconvene for another week or two and produce a final report.

I have asked that travel orders be sent you for the first session beginning on 27 July. They should be on the way very soon.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
 Executive Secretary  
 NSA Scientific Advisory Board

cc: AG  
 C/S Copy furnished:  
 S/ASST Dr. S. S. Cairns  
 R/D - Dr. Leibler  
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W/F: Acknowledging receipt of carbon copy of ltr to Dr. Cairns offering his services on the NSASAB's study group. Mr. Friedman gives Mr. McPherson a brief schedule planned for the NSASAB study group when they assemble 27 July for two weeks.

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