March 14

Dr. Robert D. Richtmyer New York University 253 Greene Street New York 3, New York

Dear Dr. Richtmyer:

General Canine has asked me to thank you for your letter of 17 February 1954 and to tell you of his regret that you feel you have to decline his invitation on the ground that you would be able to devote only an exceedingly small amount of time to the work of the panel.

At the moment he has asked me to indicate to you that he does not wish you to reconsider your decision. However, he may want to ask you to reconsider and you may hear from him, perhaps sometime around the early part of May.

On my own behalf, I wish to add my thanks to those of General Canine for your consideration of his request.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN Executive Secretary MSA Scientific Advisory Board

cc: AG C/S S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

M/R: Acknowledgment of Dr. R.D.Richtmyer's ltr of 17 Feb 54. Dr. Richtmyer is unable to accept Director's invitation for membership on Telecommunications Panel of the NSASAB because he could devote only an exceedingly small amount of time.

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