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Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter of January 19th inviting me to join the R&D Panel of CSIS. I am happy to accept.

In fact I have pressed for a similar review on the part of the Defense Science Board, and it may be advisable to coordinate with its secretariat to avert those duplications that might be counterproductive. Doubtless you will have more than one member that can function as liaison.

To what extent will net assessment be attempted despite the vexing turf questions this provokes? As a panel will you have clearance for access to the more sensitive programs?

Finally, I hope considerable attention will be given to R&D needs related to tactical needs in distant theaters. I have grave trepidations about overconfidence in what our forces can do that could lead to ambushes with the gravest geopolitical consequences.

Yours sincerely,

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