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VANNEVAR BUSH
Director

Dr. Michael Heidelberger
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Dear Dr. Heidelberger:

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the National Defense Research Committee it is my pleasure to offer you an appointment as Consultant to Division 9 of the National Defense Research Committee. The functions of the Committee and its relations to the Office of Scientific Research and Development are set forth in the Executive Order of June 28, 1941, a copy of which is enclosed. I hope you find it possible to accept this opportunity to share in a field of service which is vital to the war effort.

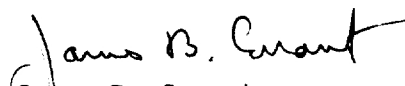
Dr. Walter R. Kirner is Chief of the Division to which you will be assigned. While you will not be remunerated by the Government for serving in this capacity, upon request of the Division Chief, the OSRD will provide you with travel status and a per diem allowance for authorized travel.

Because of the highly confidential nature of the Committee's work, it is customary to caution each new appointee of the need for the utmost secrecy with respect to all activities which come to his attention in his official capacity. No part of the work may be discussed with any person, civilian, military or naval, except as designated by the Committee, its authorized representative, or by the Office of the Executive Secretary.

The Members of the Committee have taken the Oath of Office, and all members of the Committee's organization are asked to do likewise. Please take the enclosed Oath before a justice of the peace or notary public and return it, duly witnessed, to me, together with a written acknowledgment of this letter.

I believe you will find lasting personal satisfaction in this opportunity to contribute to the war effort your specialized knowledge and abilities.

Very truly yours,


James B. Conant
Acting Director

Enclosures