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I believe Sherman Kent has spoken to you informally about a job of the greatest urgency which we are anxious to have you come and do for us as soon as possible.

As you have probably heard, I have gone on leave from MIT to lead up the Office of Research and Reports in this Agency. The mission of the office has been focused much more sharply on economic matters and the general area of analysis in which you worked during the last war comes under my responsibilities.

Many other offices both in this Agency and in other departments of the Government are, however, deeply concerned to get underway effective work in this field. General Smith has asked me to request that you come down as a matter of some urgency to do a broad survey (a) of what is now being done throughout the Government in this field, (b) of what should be done, (c) of how it should be done.

Could you come down in the very near future to discuss this question with us with a view to your spending several weeks or whatever length of time is necessary in making this survey?

I hope very much you can do this both because I am convinced that this is a matter of real national importance which you are uniquely competent to advise us on and because I am much in need of your general advice on some of the other problems of my office.

Best regards,

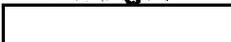
Sincerely yours,

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- Orig to Addressee
- cc: Mr. Jackson ✓
- Mr. Carey
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