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## THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

As has already been announced, the National Research Council is acting as a department of the Council of National Defense, dealing with the organization of science and research as affected by the war.

Direct connection with the work of the Army and Navy, both at home and in the field, has also been established. Brigadier General George O. Squier, chief signal officer, has recently addressed the following letter to the chairman of the Research Council:

DR. GEORGE E. HALE,  
Chairman, National Research Council,  
Munsey Building,  
Washington, D. C.

*My dear Dr. Hale:* In the Signal Corps questions involving the selection and organization of large numbers of scientific men and the solution of research problems are constantly arising. The National Research Council, organized at the request of the President, and acting as a department of the Council of National Defense, in close cooperation with similar bodies abroad, has federated and coordinated the scientific resources of the country and concentrated them upon the solution of military problems. It is accordingly the one agency in a position to meet the present needs of the Signal Corps.

I therefore request the Research Council to act as the advisory agent of the Signal Corps in the organization of its various scientific services and the solution of research problems. To this end I would suggest that Dr. Robert A. Millikan, vice-chairman and executive officer of the Research Council, apply for a major's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, for detail in charge of this work.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE O. SQUIER,  
Brigadier General,  
C. S. O.

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