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The Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dean:

This will acknowledge your letter of 9 March 1962 with reference to the establishment in the Department of State of a Special Assistant for Special Projects.

Responding to your request for the name of an official to work with Mr. William J. Jorden, I hereby nominate
STAT Mr. [redacted] of this Agency as a member of the inter-departmental task force identified in your letter.

I appreciate your inviting me to submit ideas in connection with this important effort, and you may be sure that I willl convey my thoughts and views as appropriate.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone
Director

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The Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dean:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 9, 1962 with reference to the establishment in the Department of State of a Special Assistant for Special Projects.

Responding to your request for the name of an official to work with Mr. William J. Jordan, I hereby nominate Mr [redacted] of this Agency as member of the inter-departmental task force identified in your letter.

I appreciate your inviting me to submit ideas in connection with this effort. At a later date, I may have a desire to do so.

Sincerely yours,

John A. McCone
Director

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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March 9, 1962

Dear John:

Last August, the President asked a number of officials, under the chairmanship of the Attorney General, to form an ad hoc committee to examine United States effectiveness in the field of propaganda-political warfare. On September 19, the members of the committee agreed on a number of recommendations in this field which were then approved by the President.

The key recommendations were: 1) that I appoint a Special Assistant for Special Projects "to give full time to the coordination and overall supervision of all United States resources in the propaganda-political warfare field", and 2) that I "call upon the other federal agencies with a capability in this field to contribute a senior official to form an inter-departmental task force to work under the Special Assistant".

In accordance with these recommendations, I have placed this responsibility in the Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Mr. George McGhee. Mr. William J. Jorden has been appointed to the post of special assistant to carry out this assignment in the field of propaganda-political warfare. Since August 1961, Mr. Jorden has been a member of the Department's Policy Planning Council. Before that, he was a journalist and foreign correspondent for The New York Times and served for many years in the Far East, in Moscow and in Washington.

In accordance with the second recommendation, I would appreciate your letting me know the name of an official of your agency who may work with Mr. Jorden in laying out policy lines and actions programs that will advance the United States' cause in the field of psychological-political warfare.

The Honorable
John A. McCone,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Any ideas or recommendations you may have in connection with this effort, now or in the future, will be most welcome.

Sincerely,

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Dean Rusk

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