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Mr. Dulles:

I have talked to Jim Angleton concerning the advisability of your sending a letter to Asst. Attorney General William Tompkins when he resigns around the first of April.

Jim strongly urges that you not send him a letter for several reasons. He thinks you would have to be fairly frank in expressing your appreciation in an unclassified document which might become public. If it did get published in some way the Soviets could make great propaganda out of the fact that the head of U. S. Intelligence was thanking the U. S. Government prosecutor for his assistance in the Abel case. Also, any letter you might send to Tompkins would not be likely to rest too well with J. Edgar Hoover. Jim points out that Hoover does not plan to write a letter to Tompkins.

However, Jim does feel that you ought to invite Tompkins over here for a luncheon, along with his successor, sometime after Tompkins has left his job. Jim is planning to send you a memo on this recommending who should be present, etc. and suggesting a date sometime soon after you return from Florida.

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

Reflecting upon the nearly four years which I have spent in Washington, I know of no association which has been pleasanter or more profitable to the work of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice than the splendid cooperation which we have always received from you personally and from your fine staff. I would indeed be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to you, to General Cabell and such outstanding men as Larry Houston, Jim Angleton, and who have contributed so much to the cause in which we have been engaged.

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I more than appreciate the contributions which you made in the recent Abel trial. The success that was achieved in that case resulted in a large measure from your own efforts and is a tribute to you and the Agency which you head.

I shall always cherish most highly the friendship which you have extended to me.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Tommy

William F. Tompkins

(EXECUTIVE SECRET) *Attorney General*