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Honorable Bob Wilson
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

15 MAR 1961

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of 7 March enclosing a letter which you received from [redacted]

[redacted] qualifications have been reviewed with consideration of his willingness to accept a substantial reduction in salary but we have not located a requirement which would take advantage of his talents and abilities as a pilot, salesman, and photographer. I can readily understand that a man of his obvious sincerity and enthusiasm finds it difficult to accept the conclusion that there is no place in the Government service for him and, knowing the extent to which our success depends upon the efforts of dedicated Americans who are willing to place service above personal ambition, I would be most reluctant to decline his offer of service without being sure that there was no assignment for him. However, our recruitment is generally limited to employing a few Junior Officer Trainees each year and to replacing turnover among our clerical personnel.

We have for some years followed the practice of recruiting, at the junior level, exceptional young men and women who wish to make their careers in intelligence work and thus are able to fill most of our needs in the middle and upper ranks through the promotion or reassignment of careerists. We do occasionally have a requirement for individuals with nature and specialized experience which is not available with our career staff but, for the most part, such an opening requires a person with particular attainments in our fields of work. Our review of [redacted] qualifications was in this context and we cannot in fairness encourage him to anticipate any suitable opportunity for his service in our organization.

I appreciate your bringing [redacted] letter to my attention and hope that your exploration with other departments leads to an opening in which he can realize his goals.

Sincerely,

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