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30 SEP 1958

The Honorable Harris Ellsworth
Executive Secretary of the
President's Distinguished Civilian
Service Awards Board
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

In response to Secretary Mitchell's invitation to submit nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, I should like to record with the board the name of [redacted]. Unfortunately I cannot ask the board to act in this case because I am not free to disclose details concerning the operation referred to below. It is my belief, however, that it is in keeping with the spirit and intent of Executive Order 10-717 that Mr. [redacted] great service to national security be made known to the board at this time.

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Mr. [redacted] joined this Agency in November 1952 to become a member of the Board of National Estimates. In February 1954, recognizing that he had ranged in his thinking and interest beyond the scope of the Board's responsibilities and that he had developed a deep insight into the problems of intelligence procurement and analysis, I asked him to devote full attention to these matters. He left the board at that time and became a special assistant reporting directly to me.

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In this position Mr. [redacted] conceived, developed, and carried out a most important and productive intelligence operation. The nature, scope, and technical complexity of this operation cannot be given here. It involved, on Mr. [redacted] part, the identification of our most urgent need

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in the field of national intelligence, the creation of a daring and brilliant plan to meet the need, the development of the technical means to support the plan, and the establishment of an efficient organization made up of military and civilian personnel to carry it out. The scientists and engineers who worked with him are nationally known and their work was of critical importance. Yet in the determination of all of its parts and the welding together of the whole operation, [redacted] made the decisions. The operation was his creation in the sense that very few large enterprises are ever created by one man.

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Mr. [redacted] contribution to national security is of such magnitude as to warrant his consideration under the first of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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Mr. [redacted] is not a career civil servant. However, he has spent many years working in important capacities in the Federal service. A review of his service would, I believe, support the view that he qualifies for consideration for the President's Award under the second of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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It is my hope that at some future date we will be able to review with you the nature of Mr. [redacted] work and that it will then be possible to accord the recognition which he so richly deserves.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Director of Personnel

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Deputy Director
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is hereby granted the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service for his extraordinary achievements in the field of national security. His clear understanding of national intelligence requirements, single minded devotion to the solution of key problems, and his ability to lead and inspire others, to evaluate and to judge matters of great technical complexity and to move forward rapidly and confidently in unexplored fields have resulted in a contribution to national security of great and unique importance.

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Executive Registry
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17 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

SUBJECT : The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service

1. You may recall that last year we decided not to recommend a candidate for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service but indicated that we would expect to do so in subsequent years. You may recall also that the Director suggested last year that Dick Bissell might be a candidate at a subsequent date.

2. After consulting with the other Deputy Directors we believe that is a most ^{25X1} deserving candidate and Gordon Stewart has drafted the attached proposed unclassified letter to the Executive Secretary of the President's Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board. We feel certain that in order to have very much chance of favorable consideration it would be necessary to supplement the written information contained therein with extensive oral explanation and, in fact, disclosure of his principal project to the Board which, last year, was composed of the following:

- James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, Chairman
- Alan T. Waterman, Director, National Science Foundation
- Louis J. Hector, Civil Aeronautics Board
- William P. Rogers, Attorney General
- Percival Brundage, Director, Bureau of the Budget
- Harris Ellsworth, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, Executive Secretary

We feel strongly that no written information about the project should be furnished and that if an oral disclosure is made it should be only after obtaining secrecy agreements from the members of the Board. (While Secretary Mitchell is the Chairman again this year, the other members of the Board have not been announced as yet---presumably they will be the same with the possible exception of Maurice Stans being substituted for Percival Brundage.)

3. If you feel that security will permit us to process this candidate I recommend your signature on the attached proposed letter; if not, then I recommend that we not submit a candidate this year. In order to receive consideration our nomination must be received ^{25X1} by the Executive Secretary of the Board no later than 1 October 1958.

L. K. White

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9 JAN 1958

The Honorable Harris Ellsworth
Chairman
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Thank you for your invitation to the annual awards ceremony on the occasion of the Commission's Diamond Anniversary on 16 January. I had hoped that I would be able to attend this ceremony but find that it is in conflict with a meeting of the National Security Council which I must attend.

Having served the Government in various civilian capacities over a period of many years, I am most conscious of the solid foundation in law upon which our Civil Service is based and of the leadership of the Civil Service Commission in the development of Federal employment practices. I have been particularly impressed with the Commission's role in shaping the high standards of our public service.

Please convey the congratulations and best wishes of all of us in the Central Intelligence Agency to the members of the Commission on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Civil Service.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

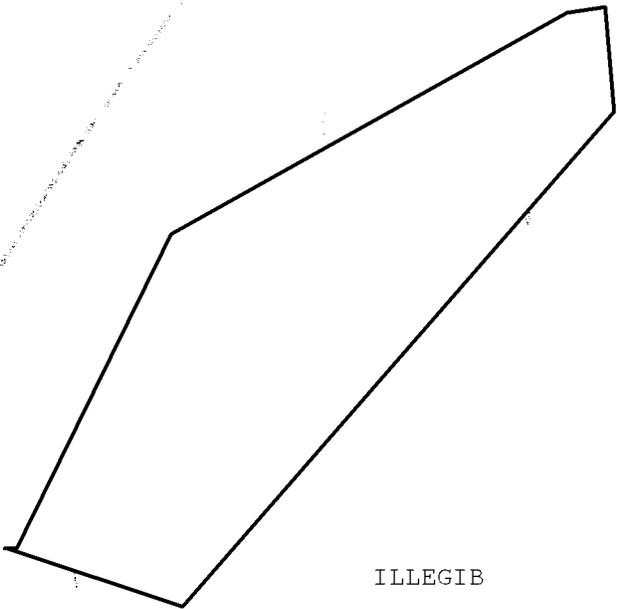
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Chairman
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

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Thank you for your invitation to the annual awards ceremony on the occasion of the Commission's Diamond Anniversary, 16 January. I shall be most happy to attend.

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