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The Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

I have re-examined the 1950 paper prepared for you by in the light of current conditions. As I stated in my address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of the Communist movement. There is a real urgency to build up our knowledge on the entire background of the Communist thrust against our civilization. The proposed Institute at the University of North Carolina would certainly help fill this need. I doubt however whether it is advisable to centralize the study of Communism in a few institutions. I believe that it is essential for our educational institutions throughout the country to emphasize training in all of the ramifications of Communist intrigue and its historical background.

I have no objection to your forwarding the 1950 paper to the President of the University of North Carolina as I feel it is an excellent paper as of its date. Of course since then we have learned a good bit more about the nature of the Communist threat. Also some of the suggestions for faculty appointments may no longer be applicable. You might find the most useful part of the paper is Appendix III which provides suggestions for courses on Communism.

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I believe that American universities have an important part to play in increasing understanding of the Communist threat. It is most gratifying to learn that the University of North Carolina is considering further work in this field to expand our understanding of the dangers of Communism.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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to expand the teaching of Communism. I wish the University every success in its new undertaking and we shall be glad to provide additional advice.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Gordon:

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I have re-examined the 1950 paper prepared for you by [redacted] in the light of current conditions. As I stated in my address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of the Communist movement. There is a real urgency to build up our knowledge on the entire background of the Communist thrust against our civilization. While the proposed Institute at the University of North Carolina would help fill this need, I doubt whether it is advisable to centralize the study of Communism in one institution. For a wider appreciation, I believe that it is essential for educational institutions throughout the country to emphasize training in all of the ramifications of Communist intrigue and its historical background.

Although I do not object to forwarding the 1950 paper to the President of the University of North Carolina, you might like to point out to him the doubt expressed above, as well as the fact that some of the suggestions for faculty appointments seem no longer applicable. You might find the most useful part of the paper is Appendix III which provides suggestions for courses on Communism.

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John F. Kennedy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1960

Dear Allen:

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You probably have forgotten that in 1950 for some months prior to my inauguration as President of the University of North Carolina, I gave a good deal of thought to the prospect of establishing at the University a Free World Institute. [redacted] and others were very helpful to me in formulating some ideas about the project. I expended considerable effort but had a good degree of success in "selling" the idea to top faculty leadership. However, I was unsuccessful in obtaining foundation funds and the University being a State-supported institution didn't have any reserves to draw upon.

Recently I have learned from the President of the University of North Carolina that on his initiative the University would like to consider again proceeding with such a project.

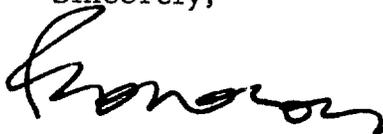
There is attached a memorandum from [redacted] dated 22 May 1950 and a proposed program of study and research.

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I know that you think well of this general idea in educational institutions. I am wondering, however, if you feel that [redacted] documentation is still valid. Would you have your people take a look at it and let me know whether it would be appropriate for me to send to the University the paper -- of course without any identification with your agency.

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Sincerely,



Gordon Gray

Honorable Allen W. Dulles

Director of Central Intelligence