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Honorable Thomas G. Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

It was very thoughtful of you to invite me to the forthcoming Secretaries Conference which will begin on Thursday evening, 16 June and extend through Saturday morning, 18 June.

Several months ago Larry Horstad asked me to participate along with my British and French counterparts in a special intelligence briefing at his annual SHAPEX Conference to be held 23 and 24 June. Since there will be some work involved with my cohorts prior to the SHAPEX meeting, I now plan to leave the country for London a week or 10 days before the SHAPEX Conference. I will be working in London and Paris prior to the Conference and General Canell, of course, will be acting as Director in my absence.

As you know, I have always enjoyed participating in the Secretaries Conferences and I certainly regret deeply that I cannot be with you this year. Should Larry's recent illness cause any postponement or cancellation of the SHAPEX meeting, I shall be in touch with you immediately as I should more than like to join you at Quantico.

With every best wish.

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Faithfully,

*[Signature]*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

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May 10, 1960

Dear Allen:

We have planned another in the series of annual conferences of senior civilian and military officials in the Department of Defense at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, beginning on the evening of Thursday, 16 June, and extending through Saturday evening, 18 June 1960.

Your past talks have always been a highlight of our programs, and we hope that you can open our Friday morning business session, 17 June 1960, with one of your firsthand appraisals of the current situation.

We look forward to your being with us for the entire program, and we hope that you will be able to accept this invitation to address us. We have included your name in the attached tentative program in order that you might see the nature of the program that we are planning.

Sincerely,

Tom

Honorable Allen Dulles

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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Possible Program for Secretaries Conference  
16 - 18 June 1960

Thursday, 16 June 1960

- 1300-1700      Arrival of guests. Registration in Harry Lee Hall.  
Assignment of quarters and other administrative details.
- 1745            Buses depart billets for Harry Lee Hall
- 1800            Reception - Harry Lee Hall  
Host - Lt. Gen. Edward W. Snedecker, USMC  
                  Commandant, Marine Corps Schools  
Music - Marine Corps Schools Chorus
- 1900            Dinner - Harry Lee Hall  
Host - The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.  
                  Secretary of Defense
- Speaker - The Vice President of the United States
- 2030            Buses depart Harry Lee Hall for billets

Friday, 17 June 1960

- 0715            Breakfast in billet mess
- 0800            Buses depart billets for Ellis Hall
- 0815            Business Session  
Presiding - The Honorable James H. Douglas  
                  Deputy Secretary of Defense
- International Affairs
- 0820            Intelligence Briefing  
                  The Honorable Allen Dulles  
                  Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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- 0850 U. S. Foreign Policy and Summitry  
The Honorable Douglas Dillon  
Under Secretary of State
- 0920 U. S. Disarmament Policy and Status of Negotiations  
The Honorable Fredrick Eaton  
U. S. Representative to the  
Ten Nation Disarmament Conference  
or  
The Honorable John N. Irwin, II  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA)
- 0950 Discussion of Effects of Possible Disarmament  
Measures on U. S. Military Programs  
Representative from Joint Staff  
Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1020 Break
- 1035 Trends in European Area  
General Lauris Norstad, USAF  
CINCEUR  
or  
General Charles D. Palmer, USA  
Deputy CINCEUR
- 1100 Trends in Pacific Area  
Admiral Harry D. Felt, USN  
CINCPAC
- Selected Defense Programs
- 1125 DoD Research and Development Outlook  
The Honorable Herbert F. York  
Director of Defense Research and Engineering
- 1155 DoD Budget Outlook  
The Honorable Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

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1220 Buses depart Ellis Hall for Harry Lee Hall

1230 Luncheon - Harry Lee Hall  
Host - The Honorable Wilber M. Brucker  
Secretary of the Army

Speaker - The Honorable John A. McCone  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

1345 Recreation

1900 Refreshments - Harry Lee Hall

1930 Dinner - Harry Lee Hall  
Host - The Honorable William B. Franke  
Music - The Army Chorus

Speaker - The Honorable Robert B. Anderson  
Secretary of the Treasury

2130 Buses depart Harry Lee Hall for billets

Saturday, 18 June 1960

0730 Breakfast in billet mess

0815 Buses depart billets for Ellis Hall

0830 Business Session

U. S. Military Objectives and Strategy for the 1960s

0830 Army Outlook  
General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA  
Chief of Staff, Army

0900 Navy Outlook  
Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, USN  
Chief of Naval Operations

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- 0930 Air Force Outlook  
General Thomas D. White, USAF  
Chief of Staff, Air Force
- 1000 Break
- 1015 Marine Corps Outlook  
General David M. Shoup, USMC  
Commandant, Marine Corps
- U. S. Defense Posture
- 1035 Over-all View  
General Nathan F. Twining, USAF  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1105 Strategic Air Command  
General Thomas S. Power, USAF  
CINCSAC
- 1125 Continental Air Defense Command  
General Lawrence S. Kuter, USAF  
CINCONAD
- 1145 Question and Answer Period
- 1200 Remarks  
The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.  
The Secretary of Defense
- 1215 Buses depart Ellis Hall for Harry Lee Hall
- 1230 Luncheon - Harry Lee Hall  
Host - The Honorable Dudley C. Sharp  
Secretary of the Air Force
- Speaker - The Honorable Maurice H. Stans  
Director, Bureau of the Budget
- 1345 Recreation
- 1915 Buses depart billets for Party

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1930-2300 Party  
Dinner Music - Ensemble from the Air Force Orchestra  
Songs - The Navy Sea Chanters

Outdoor Showing of First Run Movie

(Buses return guests to billets)

Guests are free to remain at Quantico through Sunday luncheon or return home after Sunday breakfast.

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