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The Honorable Hugh S. Canning, Jr.
The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hugh:

Your letter of September 12, 1960 expressing satisfaction with joint efforts to provide an external research program on behalf of the intelligence community is most appreciated. I also look forward to the continuation of this productive arrangement.

Sincerely,
SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
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Dear Allen:

Changes -- both temporary and permanent -- in the staffing of our External Research Division have given me occasion to look once again at this long-standing example of cooperative enterprise by our two agencies. We have been working together in the external research program for twelve years, and I feel this Bureau has not adequately acknowledged to you the debt which the Department owes your agency for the vital contribution -- in advice, program planning, and cooperation, as well as money -- which you have made to the success of the external research activity. As you are aware, from the very beginning this service has been developed in close partnership between our two agencies and, in practice, the external research activity has been carried on as a joint operation.

We in the Department have found that selective exploitation of scholarly research on foreign areas and international problems vitally supplements the internal effort of the community. Financial support and program assistance from your agency have enabled us to sustain a staff which keeps in close touch with hundreds of leading scholars and institutions in the United States and reports on their research output, and which also monitors some 300 government sponsored research projects on foreign areas and international problems. This service, we have reason to believe, has been of marked value to other agencies within the community as well as our own. The external research program has been a true example of a common service operating on behalf of the entire community.

We annually submit to the interested offices in your agency a budget and program report describing the important external research activities of each fiscal year. I think that, in the most recent report, pages 16 and 17 will particularly interest you with their account of special service performed for CIA by the External Research Division, and I attach a copy for your convenience.

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The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Washington.

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The procedures that have been worked out by our staffs over the years have been, in my estimation, a model of efficient and intelligent collaboration in the community. A large share of the credit is due to [redacted] who has, for the past five years, been the principal channel between us on this program. His wide understanding of the needs of the community and of the uses of external research, as well as his very pleasant and cooperative mode of operation, have had a lot to do with insuring the success of this important aspect of the work of the intelligence community.

I look forward to a continuance of this fruitful and valuable relation in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.

Enclosure:

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