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Mr. Edwin B. Howard  
Assistant Commissioner  
Field Inspection and Security Division  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

In your letter of 17 September 1957 (File Nos. CO 104- (C) 946 P) addressed to the Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, you requested the dates of strength estimates for certain Communist and pro-Communist parties, as given in Special Report A, sent on 19 June 1957 to Mr. J. Walter Yeager, of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security. The following information is in response to your request.

The strength estimates for the parties which you mention represented the best estimates possible at the time of drafting the special report, which was 17 June 1957.

Subsequent to the transmittal of these figures to the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security on 19 June, we revised our estimate of the strength of the Communist Party of Mexico. We currently estimate its membership at 3600 rather than the 3000 given in Special Report A. The other estimates, with regard to the number of sympathizers of the Communist Party of Mexico,



although all the strength figures are subject to change upon the receipt of more accurate information or actual changes in party strengths.

Our files do not reflect a current plan by the Communist Party of Mexico, or a Communist front in Mexico, to violate or subvert

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the southern border of the United States. You may be assured that any information relevant to such plans will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Officer

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**SIGNATURE RECOMMENDED:**

Signed: James Angleton

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(Signed) C. V. KULICK

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AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO:  
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**CO 946 P**

**Lieutenant General C. P. Cabell, USAF**  
**Deputy Director**  
**Central Intelligence Agency**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**RE: Special Report on Communist Strength  
and Capabilities in the Western  
Hemisphere**

**Dear General Cabell:**

A copy of your letter of June 19, 1957 to Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and the attached reports, have been referred to this Service by Mr. Yeagley.

The special report (A) gives the strength of the Communist Party, and the strength of their sympathizers. There are no dates shown after these figures. I would appreciate being informed the year in which these estimates were made. It is noted that in each case the strength of the various major fronts is followed by an indication of the year in which the estimate was made.

Please also furnish any intelligence you may now have, or receive in the future, regarding plans of the Communist Party of Mexico or any of its fronts to violate or infiltrate the southern border of the United States.

Sincerely,



**Edwin B. Howard**  
**Assistant Commissioner**  
**Field Inspection and Security Division**

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