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United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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/s/ Huntington Sheldon
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 17, 1956

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO:
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MR. ALLEN W. DULLES, DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
2430 E STREET
WASHINGTON D. C.

DEAR MR. DULLES:

PLEASE REFER TO PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 10, OF THE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 15, 1956, BY THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY (ICIS) ENTITLED, "THE STATUS AND DISPOSITION TO BE MADE, IN THE EVENT OF A WAR-RELATED EMERGENCY, OF ANY VESSEL OF PERSON THEREON IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES ACTUALLY OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY."

THIS PARAGRAPH RECOMMENDS, IN PART, THAT THE REPORT BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES CONCERNED SO THAT THEY MAY BE AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED BY ACTION AGENCIES INCLUDING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FOR PROMPT INFORMATION OR INTELLIGENCE REGARDING PERSONS OR VESSELS ACTUALLY OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE INTERNAL SECURITY.

IN ORDER THAT THIS SERVICE MAY PROPERLY PLAN FOR AND CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENTS AS SET OUT IN THE ICIS REPORT, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH, (1) SUCH PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING MERCHANT VESSELS CARRYING THE FLAG OF A NON-SOVIET-BLOC NATION WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A SOVIET-BLOC NATION BY VIRTUE OF CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS, DUMMY OWNERSHIPS, OR OTHER DEVICE THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE MAKING OF AN INTELLIGENT ESTIMATE OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SUCH VESSELS IN UNITED STATES PORTS ON ANY ONE DAY, AND (2) FUTURE INFORMATION THAT MIGHT REQUIRE CHANGES IN SUCH AN ESTIMATE.

CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, FIELD INSPECTIONS AND SECURITY DIVISION, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, 119 D STREET, NE, WASHINGTON D. C., ATTENTION: CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

Edwin B. Howard

EDWIN B. HOWARD,
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
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