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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON

MAY 13 1955

Dear Allen:

In view of the many discussions which have taken place at meetings of the Operations Coordinating Board relating to the Communist problem, I am sending you a copy of "What is Communism?". It is the latest in the U.S. Information Agency's series of basic booklets stemming from national level recommendations.

"What is Communism?" was written and designed by members of the staff of the Agency's Press Service. Under what we think is a mutually profitable agreement, the Britton Company is publishing a domestic edition for sale through normal channels, and providing us with copies for the field at a remarkably low cost. This arrangement is not classified, but it has been agreed that the connection will not be exploited by either party.

The Agency's first edition of 90,000 copies, in English, will soon be distributed to our posts all over the world. The book will subsequently be reproduced by many of the posts in the language of the country for even wider distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Streibert  
Director

Enclosure:

Copy "What is Communism?"

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

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Honorable Theodore G. Strahlhart  
Director  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ted:

Thank you very much for sending me under cover of your letter of May 13, the copy of your latest publication, "What is Communist?".

May I congratulate you and your staff on what appears to me to be a very fine, clearly written exposition which, if well circulated and read, should certainly do a lot of good.

Faithfully,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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