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Major General Lewis B. Hershey, U.S.A.
National Selective Service Headquarters
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Hershey:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to acknowledge in his behalf, and with his thanks, your letter of 1 April 1953.

We do appreciate your having advised us of your contemplated action in connection with the disposal of records of value to us. As you indicate, this development could have important consequences, and we are glad to appoint [redacted] of this Agency, to discuss the matter with [redacted] ur headquarters. [redacted] will contact of your organization, by telephone.

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With reference to your request for comment, including a statement as to what other sources, if any, could be consulted to obtain the same information, [redacted] will be prepared to discuss this

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Sincerely yours,

Walter Bedell Smith
Deputy Director

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

This Headquarters is contemplating transmitting to the Archivist of the United States, in accordance with the Records Disposal Act of 1943, as amended, a Request for Authority to Dispose of Records (Standard Form 115), providing for the complete destruction of the individual files of registrants of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. This action is prompted by a drastic reduction, by the Bureau of the Budget, in funds for servicing the records during the fiscal year 1954.

The Selective Service System has been furnishing information from the above files, as described in Section 1670 (b)(18), Selective Service Regulations, to the following offices of the Central Intelligence Agency: (1) the Executive for Inspection and Security, (2) the Security Branch, and (3) the Employee Investigation Service, and it would appear proper that those offices be consulted in advance of the initiation of the proposed action.

Should the Disposal List be submitted and approved by the Joint Committee on the Disposition of Executive Papers, the service given to your administration from such records will cease within the ensuing fiscal year. It is not contemplated that any of the records authorized for disposal will be made available for transfer to any other Federal agency, including the General Services Administration.

Your comment on the proposed action will be appreciated. Such comment should include a statement as to what other sources, if any, could be consulted to obtain the information now being procured from the records of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. Since the destruction of these records would appear to be of considerable importance to the Central Intelligence Agency, it would be of advantage to have a representative of your office discuss the matter with Colonel Michael R. London, of this Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis B. Hershey

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