

11 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant (Personnel)

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Memo, C/MPD to SSA/Pers, 29 Jul 55, same subject,
with attachment, Draft of ltr to Sec of Army

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During the period of his assignment to the Far East Division, 16 June 1954 to date, [redacted] has performed his assigned duties in a superior manner. He has participated in the headquarters and field planning phases of field operations; and has mounted and conducted these operations with outstanding energy and personal initiative. He is an unusually versatile and adaptable officer whose language qualifications and ready facility in coping with new and difficult operational problems and situations have made him invaluable in a critical field assignment [redacted]. He enjoys the utmost respect and cooperation from his subordinates and fellow officers as a highly professional technician in his field. His promotion [redacted] seems very appropriate.

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1. Our Military Personnel Division has received a call from [redacted] Chief of the Infantry Career Branch, advising us that [redacted] would probably be passed over for promotion because of efficiency reports rendered on him while serving with the Central Intelligence Agency. Also, he would not be selected for attendance at any of the service schools.

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2. The Army's numerical efficiency rating is used as a general measure of the officer's effectiveness. It is scored from the ratings in the boxes on the back of the form. While our ratings of [redacted] were not at all uncomplimentary, Army ratings generally are higher, therefore [redacted]'s numerical efficiency index is considerably lower than average for officers of his grade. Our descriptions of Major [redacted] duties and performance also were inadequate.

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3. After graduating from The National War College and prior to his current assignment, [redacted] served a tour in a responsible position with the Agency. While with us he had an opportunity to observe [redacted] and he considered him an outstanding officer. Consequently, he was greatly upset when he observed this apparent injustice.

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4. Army efficiency reports cannot be withdrawn if they are submitted in accordance with regulations, consequently [redacted] suggested that General Cabell might be asked to forward a letter to the Army giving more details of [redacted] duties here and his manner of performance.

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5. While [redacted] record in his Army file is relatively mediocre, his record in the Agency file indicates generally superior performance and supports [redacted] opinion of the officer. The attached letter for General Cabell's signature has been prepared from material in [redacted] Agency file. It is included for your consideration in the event the appropriate operating officials concur in the desirability of complying with [redacted] request.

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Colonel, AGC
Chief, Military Personnel Division

Attachment:
Draft of ltr to Sec of Army

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

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	2.						Would you please review so much of the attached efficiency rating as is within your Branch's purview & let me have your comments.
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25X1 25X1	5. Chief 1 []						25X1 1-7 Except for background info that [] had about subject [] as such probably doesn't have too much. However, I worked with subject very closely in [] as a team and have the highest opinion of him as an officer and know him to be very conscientious, operationally. He performed every assignment with enthusiasm, in liaison was respected highly with other officers from Army units with whom he had business, always performed completely, and in my opinion one of the best officers and individuals I have ever worked with - M.L.B. I agree and concur with the attachment.
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	7. <i>EE/Adm</i>						
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25X1	10. 3-7 I concur entirely in the proposed letter. To my knowledge [] has						
	11. always performed in a superior manner. It would be a great injustice if he did not receive the promotion merit						
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