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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

21 Dec 58

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Executive Registry
10-9882

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I share with you a very real concern and desire to insure that our national intelligence interests are served and protected in the proposed defection operation in the Far East.

On 20 November 1958, a conference took place between our representatives concerning subject operation at which time factors stated in your 27 November letter were outlined by Mr. Karamessines. In addition, Mr. Karamessines stated that this source information would not be revealed to any foreign government without the expressed approval of ACSI. This position was reaffirmed to General Draper by [redacted] Karamessines at a luncheon on 4 December. Although my representatives agreed a tenuous situation exists in Hong Kong as emphasized by Mr. Karamessines, it was pointed out that this was an unprecedented procedure and contrary to sound clandestine practices, and at that time advised your representative that it was considered deleterious to identify sources. I personally consider this disclosure to be an exception to long standing procedures and do not consider it as establishing a precedent for release of source data in the future.

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On the basis of the assurance given that identification of source will be fully protected with minimum dissemination made only within your agency and that source identity and background data will not be disclosed to any foreign government or individual without consultation with and approval by this office, Colonel Denholm, of my staff, will contact Mr. Karamessines to provide this source information in the near future.

Sincerely,

MR: Called Gen W. at direction of DCI on 19 Dec. Thanked for letter & told we'd be very discreet in use of info.

John M. Willems
JOHN M. WILLEMS
Major General, GS
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