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The Honorable Charles S. Thomas  
The Secretary of the Navy  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is with a sense of warmest appreciation that I wish to call  
to your attention the outstanding and invaluable service of Colonel

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During the past year [redacted] has served as Senior War  
Planner in Headquarters and is presently serving as Chief of the  
Central Intelligence Agency War Plans Group, Europe. He is respon-  
sible for developing the wartime organization in Europe and this  
Agency's plans for supporting the wartime requirements of both  
Commander in Chief, Europe, and Supreme Allied Command, Europe.

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[redacted] accomplishments are particularly commendable  
because of the fact that the highest degree of initiative and judge-  
ment have been continuously essential during his assignment. His  
ability to grasp exceedingly complex situations, coupled with his  
energy and persistence, has achieved results which are of the great-  
est importance to the national interest. I sincerely believe that  
his outstanding service stems from qualities of brilliance and devo-  
tion to duty such as are found in very few of his contemporaries,  
and which reflect credit upon the Marine Corps and upon the United  
States.

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It is requested that this communication be included in Colonel  
[redacted] permanent file to record this portion of his exemplary  
professional career.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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ORIGINATOR:

[Redacted]

Chief, Military Personnel Division

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CONCUR:

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Assistant Director for Personnel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Commendation for [REDACTED]

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1. The enclosed letter of commendation for [REDACTED] is based on the recommendation of the Paramilitary Staff. This officer is presently serving as Chief of the CIA War Plans Group, Europe. As such, he is the deputy and principal advisor to the CIA Senior Representative for Europe [REDACTED] on war planning matters. He is responsible for developing the wartime organization in Europe and CIA war plans to support the wartime requirements of both CINCEUR and SACEUR.

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2. Although [REDACTED] this commendation does not come within the scope of the policy outlined in a memorandum from the Inspector General on 5 December 1952, however, I believe it is well merited. On 15 July 1954, he is being considered by a board of general officers for permanent promotion to Brigadier General. We have had only one other case of this type and in that case General Cabell strongly indorsed the efficiency report of the officer concerned. Incidentally, the officer was promoted. The Marine Corps is not asking for a special efficiency report as has normally been the practice, consequently this letter of commendation is the only opportunity we will have to place something in his permanent records to indicate his manner of performance. His regular efficiency reports will not become a matter of record in his permanent file until he is relieved from assignment to CIA.

3. It is recommended the attached letter be signed and returned for hand carry to Marine Corps Headquarters.

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HARRISON G. REYNOLDS  
Assistant Director for Personnel

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*Card 2*

The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.  
Under Secretary of the Navy  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gates:

In accordance with our conversation at lunch yesterday, I enclose a copy of a recent National Intelligence Estimate that touches on the question of Chiang Kai-shek's existing and potential support in mainland Asia. You will see that it deals with the subject only indirectly, pointing out the large degree of control that the Communist regime exerts and will probably continue to retain over the population. The relevant paragraphs are 4, 15-20, and 37-42.

An estimate more directly relevant to your question is now in course of preparation by an interdepartmental group and should be available within the next month or so. It will deal specifically and solely with resistance potential within Communist China.

The enclosure is an office copy, which I should be glad to have returned when it has served your need.

Sincerely,

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

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1 July 1954

Ser:

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have read with interest the recent National Intelligence Estimate which discusses Communist China's power potential through 1957.

In light of my recent trip with the Secretary of Defense, this fills in a great deal of the information that I discussed with you at our luncheon. I am grateful for the opportunity to review this paper and appreciate the nice luncheon you gave me in company with your associates. I am well aware of the fact that I could add little to their knowledge.

I look forward to reading the new Estimate when it becomes available.

In accordance with your request, I return herewith your office copy.

Sincerely,

*Thomas S. Gates, Jr.*  
Thomas S. Gates, Jr.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Dulles

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I have returned the copy of NIE 13-54,  
which accompanied this letter, to DD/I.

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