

19 MAR 1962

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of 7 March 1962 appealing the decision to terminate you under the procedures of HR [Redacted]

I have had a careful review made of your case and regret to inform you that it has produced no basis for reversing this action. I therefore must deny your appeal.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE  
John A. McCone

cc: Director of Personnel

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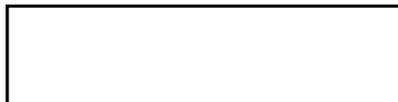
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Director of Central Intelligence  
Room 3E14 Headquarters Building

THROUGH: The Inspector General  
3E04 Headquarters Building

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On 28 February 1962 I received written notification again from the Director of Personnel that my services are surplus to the personnel requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency, and my employment is to be terminated on or about 25 April 1962.

CIA Regulation  provides that upon receipt of such notification the employee may direct a written appeal to the Director. I would like to have you consider this letter as my appeal.

There are several matters which I would like to bring to your attention. I do not believe that everyone has a right to a government position or that such a right is necessarily enhanced by length of service. I do contend that individuals who have demonstrated their competence, dedication, and loyalty have a right to expect equitable treatment. I also believe that individuals who find their chosen career about to be terminated should know the specific reasons on which such action is based. I consider it significant that the methods by which candidates are selected for termination deny them any knowledge of the criteria against which they are measured or any opportunity to defend their tenure. I have had no official opportunity to question those who took formal action in my case. Quite frankly, there is no substantive basis on which to formulate an appeal.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : [redacted] - Appeal from Termination Under HR [redacted]

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1. Attached is a letter from [redacted] of the Office of Training appealing his termination under HR [redacted]. As Mr. [redacted] admits at the bottom of the first page, there is no substantive basis for the appeal. Mr. [redacted] simply describes his experience in the field of intelligence and contends that his designation as surplus by OTR hampered his attempt to find a position elsewhere in the Agency.

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2. I have talked to OTR which confirms that Mr. [redacted] is surplus. I also talked to the Assistant Director for Operations who told me that Mr. [redacted] was transferred from [redacted] because he refused to serve abroad. I also discussed the matter with Mr. [redacted] who did not press any of the points made in his letter and gave me the impression he was only making a pro forma appeal. In fact, he is now at home on annual leave and fully expects to be terminated.

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3. I therefore recommend that you sign the attached letter denying the appeal.

[redacted signature box]

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Acting Inspector General

cc: Director of Personnel

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Mr. [redacted] to the DCI  
Memo [redacted] from the DCI

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