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Mr. Dulles:

The Soviets have turned down the request for visas by the four Virginia Bar Association lawyers, announcing that Powers will have his own counsel. At the same time, they have made it clear that McAfee, the father's lawyer, is to have nothing to do with the trial. Our people think this is the expected Soviet reaction in accordance with their treatment of the trial so far. The four lawyers are going to reapply on the basis of accompanying Mrs. Barbara Powers. Our Security people would prefer she take a female companion who could be with her at all times. Our people doubt the four lawyers' reapplication will be successful.

Jim Cunningham advises that they have just received report of consultants who have been examining the Francis G. Powers' letters for evidence of brainwashing. The report, which will be forwarded for your attention, concludes that there is some evidence of the use of electro-mechanical devices on Powers.

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