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The Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Dean:

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 November calling my attention to a nation-wide program for the observance of Human Rights Week.

We are publicizing this event throughout the Agency by issuing a notice to all employees reminding them of Human Rights Week and the significance of this occasion.

Sincerely,

(Signed), JOHN A. MCCONE

John A. McCone  
Director

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OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

1. The anniversaries of Human Rights Day and Bill of Rights Day will be observed during the week of 10 - 17 December 1962. Human Rights Day, 10 December, marks the fourteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations. By joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives, 15 December has been designated as Bill of Rights Day.

2. A nation-wide observance of Human Rights Week provides an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in the democratic process and to join with other nations of the free world in commemorating the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to note the progress made in the United States and throughout the world in guaranteeing the human rights expressed in the Declaration.

3. I believe that all of us in this Agency with its world-wide mission fully understand and accept the principles of human rights to which this nation has always been committed. However, the observance of Human Rights Week should serve to remind us that further steps need to be taken to translate these basic principles into reality in order to make the Declaration of Human Rights a living document both here and abroad.

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JOHN A. MCCONE  
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1962

Dear John:

I ask your assistance in carrying out, in the Central Intelligence Agency, a Nation-wide program for the observance of Human Rights Week (December 10-17). December 10, 1962, marks the fourteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly.

Since 1948, the President of the United States, the Governors of a number of States, and many civic officials annually have noted the importance of the occasion by issuing proclamations on the subject. I would be grateful if you would bring this event to the attention of the employees of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Secretariat of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO (Code 132, Extension 2963), in the Department of State, is prepared to assist in developing any Human Rights Week communication that you might wish to distribute in your Agency.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Dean Rusk

The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director of Central Intelligence.