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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I believe that it will be a matter of special personal interest to you to note the attached citations presented by the President to members of the intelligence community for their performance during the Cuban crisis.

As Director of Central Intelligence it was my pleasant duty to present to your representative on the United States Intelligence Board a citation for services rendered.

I am sure it is a source of pride to you to have such recognition accorded to your intelligence representatives and I wish by this letter to add my own personal note to that effect.

Sincerely,

(Signature of John A. McCone)

John A. McCone

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

22 January 1963

Dear Mr. Hilsman:

In the accompanying letter, the President asks me to express to you as a member of the United States Intelligence Board and to your intelligence colleagues not only his commendation, but the appreciation of our Nation for the exceptional effort and gratifying results attained during the crisis we recently faced. In our profession, such thoughts are not often presented to us in a way that permits us to convey them to those whose professional competence and dedication continue despite crises and emergencies.

Therefore, I ask that you inform the members of your organization of the President's commendation for the service they have rendered our Nation. In addition, please also accept my appreciation for the contribution you and your associates have made toward accomplishing the responsibilities placed on me.

It is my sincere wish that the President's approbation be made known to all who participated in our recent period of trial, but in such manner that it becomes a personal compliment to each, rather than a matter of public announcement. Your cooperation in assuring that the President's message receives the privileged handling required of such a communication will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone
Chairman

Mr. Roger Hilsman
The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

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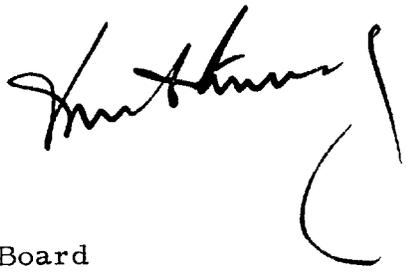
January 9, 1963

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to express to you, the members of the United States Intelligence Board, and to the individual members of the intelligence agencies my deep and sincere appreciation for your outstanding service to our Nation -- and the Free World -- during the recent international crisis.

In the course of the past few months I have had occasion to again observe the extraordinary accomplishments of our intelligence community, and I have been singularly impressed with the overall professional excellence, selfless devotion to duty, resourcefulness and initiative manifested in the work of this group. The fact that we had timely and accurate information, skillfully analyzed and clearly presented, to guide us in our judgments during this crisis is, I believe, the greatest tribute to the effectiveness of these individuals and agencies. The magnitude of their contribution can be measured, in part, by the fact that the peace was sustained during a most critical time.

It is, of course, a great source of strength to me to know that we have such dedicated and skilled men and women in the service of our Nation in these times of peril. Although I cannot personally commend each member of the intelligence community for their individual efforts, I would like you to convey to them, through the members of the United States Intelligence Board, my personal word of commendation, my deep admiration for their achievements, and the appreciation of a grateful Nation.


The Honorable John A. McCone
Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

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