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Major General Fred C. Weyand  
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Office of the Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Fred:

I have taken the 15 days since receipt of your letter to look carefully into the possibility of [redacted] being assigned to the Agency. I have also reviewed his Form 5b.

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I'll be frank in saying his chances are not bright. We have a number of military officers detailed to the Agency--although, percentage-wise, it's a small number--and, normally, those only in very specialized cases where the individuals possess expertise we can't otherwise obtain from our own careerists. I have been unable to stimulate any great interest in [redacted] by divisions of the Agency who could conceivably use him.

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[redacted] record is good, but his background in intelligence, operations and logistics planning hits areas where we are already plenty deep in senior people. Your suspicion that, if assigned to us, [redacted] might be able to continue on in a retired status also has some obstacles. Generally, regular officers who are retired for longevity cannot be employed by the Government in a civilian capacity because of the dual employment statutes. When we can employ an officer in this category, he is subject to the dual compensation statutes and must elect whether to receive his retired pay or his civilian salary; he cannot receive a combination of both. Because of the small number of such officers who can be employed, we have to limit such appointments to individuals who are exceptionally well qualified for a particular job.

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Let me assure you, Fred, this is no escape and evasion exercise on my part. Many really good regular and retired officers have either sought assignment in the Agency or have come to my attention just like this. But, we are handcuffed considerably by relatively few military billets and fairly stringent public laws. I'm sure you will understand.

Faithfully yours,

*/s/ Pat*

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