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18 DEC 1961

Mrs. Arnold Holden



Dear Mrs. Holden:

I am in receipt of the telegram, dated November 24th, signed by you, Mrs. Aubrey Bullock-Webster, Mrs. Robert Fonda, Mrs. George Jagels and Mrs. Addison Luce.

I am informed that the dismissal of the employees in the Security Office of the Department of State to which you refer is part of an overall reduction in force within the Department of State due to budgetary limitations. The individuals you refer to in particular are, therefore, only one group involved in this reduction. As you can appreciate, this is purely an internal matter within the Department of State itself and I can therefore not interject myself in any way.

Will you please pass this on to my other good friends who joined you in sending the telegram along with my best wishes to each.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

O/DCI [redacted] vga 5 December 1961. McCone
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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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MANY OF US HERE ARE CONCERNED AS TO WHY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS INTERFERING WITH THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BY DISMISSING 25 COUNTER-ESPIONAGE EXPERTS DECEMBER 1ST ACCORDING TO HENRY TAYLOR'S TWO RECENT EDITORIALS. WE CAN'T REACH THE PRESIDENT SO CAN YOU INTERCEDE IF IT REALLY SHOULD BE STOPPED?=
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MRS AUBREY BULLOCK-WEBSTER MRS ROBERT

FONDA MRS GEORGE JAGELS MRS ADDISON LUCE MRS

ARNOLD HOLDEN

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McCone

I have talked to both [] and Bob
Bannerman in Security about your proposed addition
to this letter. They would strongly recommend that
you stick to the shorter version and not express an
opinion one way or the other as to whether the
State Department reorganization will strengthen or
lessen security. They feel that no one can positively
say at the present time which it will actually do and
there is a good deal of feeling on both sides within
the State Dept. Our Security people have very
carefully refrained from becoming involved on either
side of this controversy since they are virtually
positive that there will be a good deal of talk
about this reorganization among senators and
congressmen when Congress convenes next month.

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