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Mr. William A. Hurst
Assistant Vice President
Bank of America
San Francisco 20, California

Dear Mr. Hurst:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter regarding my appointment to the Directorship of the CIA.

I am indeed honored that the President has called upon me to fill this important post and will do all in my power to justify this confidence.

With sincere personal regards,

Sincerely,

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John A. McCone

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WILLIAM A. HURST
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

October 13, 1961

Mr. John A. McCone



Dear Mr. McCone:

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment by the President to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

While my congratulations are most sincere I offer them with the full realization of how much you and Mrs. McCone must regret leaving your beautiful home to again take up residence in Washington. In addition, while your record of public service has been long and at the highest level, your present assignment may be the most trying not only because of the great responsibility, but also the fact that this Agency has been so widely criticized (at least in our press).

I would also like to take this opportunity of again thanking you and Mrs. McCone for your gracious hospitality to Alice and I during our recent visit.

Sincerely yours,

(s) W.A. Hurst