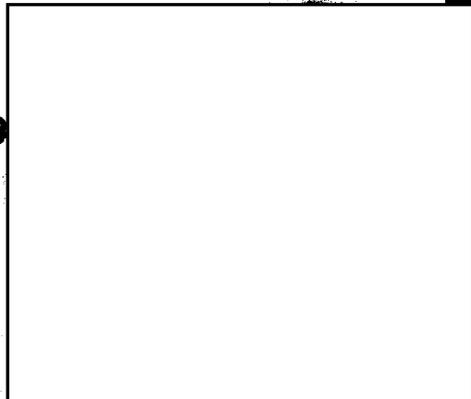


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Mr. Harvey H. Hevenor



Dear Mr. Hevenor:

Thank you for your letter of 28 August.

I cannot accept your statement that our country is being led by a group of unconscious communists. I do not believe that the key word in my speech before the Veterans of Foreign Wars was "Defeat". I wonder if you have had a chance to read the full text. In any event, I am enclosing a copy which may be of interest to you.

Many points which you raise are concerned with policy issues. It would not be appropriate for me to comment on these matters which lie outside my competence.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Allan Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Sir :

I have been reading the talk that you gave at the convention of the VFW. As the head of one of the most powerful agencies of the Government, it was interesting that the wording of your speech revealed one of the reasons for our lack of success in competing with the Soviets.

The key word in the speech to the VFW was DEFENSE. Defense is alright when the rest of the world is in a more or less static condition. When, as now, this is not true, and one is faced with a dedicated foe it is the utmost in stupidity. I do not believe that all history provides one example of defense being the means of overcoming an enemy, or of even checking them for a period.

Though the Government talks to all the world about freedom, about liberation, not one country has been liberated from Communism since the end of World War Two. This is a pretty sad record for the mightiest nation on earth. It is also a fact that not one undeveloped country has been helped to the point that we may point to it and say; " This is an example of what democracy can do."

It would appear that all the west can do is to repeat mistake after mistake. In the process of these mistakes we are spending ourselves into eventual bankruptcy. If these mistakes are allowed to continue, we will soon not even be able to point to our own country as an example. One would suppose that our nation were being run by the enemy for we seem to do the very things that they wish us to do.

America has a State Department, an Intelligence Agency, both with all the money that they could wish for, yet, it is a fact that neither are successful in what they try to accomplish. Why ?

We cannot claim that the personnel at the head of the various agencies are stupid ! Supposedly they are far better educated and trained than most, including the writer. The only possible excuse is that they are

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psychologically unable to realize the type of world in which they try to operate. They seem to be unable to fathom the thinking of the underdeveloped peoples of the world. They also are apparently unable to get through to even the Western World. The recent failures; the Summit Conference, the U\*2 incident, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Africa from the Cape to the Meditterrean.

I do not mean to imply that Allan Dulles is personally responsible for all our failures. There is the history of Secretary Dulles, Truman, Acheson, Roosevelt, and many others. All of these leaders have little to point to with pride as far as understanding of world events are concerned. It is true that I am second guessing, but this does not alter the fact of our declining position, or of the ever recurring crises from which we come out at the bottom of the list.

Perhaps, the reason for our failures is the fact that we are trying to do the impossible. We seem to have practically no flexibility in foreign affairs. This is also true of national affairs, where the policies of our leaders has the nation divided against itself. I humbly submit that real leaders do not pay too much attention to the likes, or dislikes, of others, but rather pursue the course that is best for the nation. We try to sell to the rest of the world things that have no reality. Think on the word democracy. If one is to take the dictionary meaning, a meaning that we place before others in the world, we have no democracy. We speak of equal rights, as though this meant equal ability, when it is a physical impossibility. We talk of Christian ideals and philosophy as though these were the motivating force behind our economy, our politics. We talk as tho it were possible to argue with those without reason. We say peace, when we mean arms. We say defense, when we mean attack. Is it any wonder that few in the world are able to bring themselves to fully believe us ? We talk of great victories, when we are in fact just paying black-mail !

It is not that our citizens do not have the brains with which to conquer, but rather that they do not as yet realize that this is the only way in which we can prevail. There is no substitute for victory, and there is no substitute for the whip where needed. As of yet, most of the world is not interested in cars, refrigerators, televisions, but rather with enough to eat and the peace with which to eat the food. People who are hungry care not the least what philosophy gives

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Your brother, the Secretary of State, had the opportunity of securing China to our cause. This meant the possibility of realizing a border on Russia of four thousand miles. He threw it away. To-day sees the dispute between the Soviet and China, yet we fail to take any possible advantage. Why? Are we so doped with our own words that we are unable to do those things that may mean victory? We speak of honor and justice in procedure about Foreign Affairs. Yet, we know from history that these affairs have never been carried out by any nation along these lines. Had England a chance to retrace her steps in time back to 1776, do you think that she would have so easily let us go? You know the answer to this, as well as I.

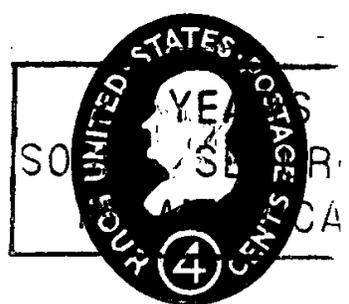
The only conclusion that an unbiased man could make as to our national and international affairs is that we are being led by a group of unconscious communists, unknowing as to the path that they have taken. I only hope to God that you are not among them.

If you should have the time, and the inclination, I hope that you will see fit to answer some of the questions that I have raised. I assure you that they will not be publicized other than through conversation.

Very truly yours,



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