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14 June 1960

Hon. Allen Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen -

In clearing out some old files I just ran across the enclosed copy of a letter I sent you in January, 1953. Since then much has happens which belongs to history - and which undoubtedly will affect future history. But as concerns you and your services to the country, I could write the same letter to-day and not have to change a single word in it - in fact you have far exceeded my optimistic predictions of the valuable accomplishments you would achieve for the benefit of our nation and the free world.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

Charles Kress

A large, stylized handwritten letter "K" in the bottom right corner of the page.

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26 January 1953

Hon. Allen Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
2430 E Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen:

I want to heartily congratulate General Ike's administration and the American people on your appointment as Director of Central Intelligence. No one could be found who is better qualified than you for this critically important task. It's a long time back since we used to talk in the New York OSS office, or were riding the '48 campaign train, and many, many things have changed. But of this I'm sure - you haven't changed. You're the same able, honest, decent, loyal, unselfish American you've always been. The kind of fellow we like to think of as exemplifying the very best in American citizenship - the kind of fellow we'd all like to have for a friend or neighbor, the kind of fellow any boy or girl would like a father to be. It's a good and comforting feeling to know that you will right on that particular job - and it's a good and comforting feeling to know that our country can produce fellows like you when critical times come upon us.

Good luck to you, and I hope a kind Providence will keep you, and give you health and strength in all the troubled days ahead. And I hope also that Lieutenant Allen is making good progress. Surely when the history of all these critical days is written, no names will shine more brightly than those of the Dulles family in serving God and country, patriotically, unselfishly, usefully, and courageously!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles Kress