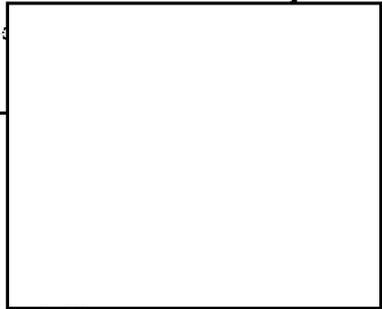


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Dear Mr. Payne:

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I do not believe that it would be in the interest of our national security for this Agency to release information from its files for the purpose which you suggest.

The motives of you and Mr. Loyd Wright certainly have merit. I am in sympathy with your continuing interest in keeping Americans alert to the dangers in the international situation.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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I have looked again at your suggestions, along with my decision of last year, and I must come to the considered conclusion again that it would not be in the interest of the Nation's security to depart from long established principle and practice for this Agency to release information from its files for such a production.

I appreciate, however, the merit in your suggestions, and those of Mr. Loyd Wright, and I understand your continuing interest in keeping ever alert our fellow citizens to the nature of America's defense posture in the face of dangers that confront us across the world.

Thank you again for writing me.

Sincerely,

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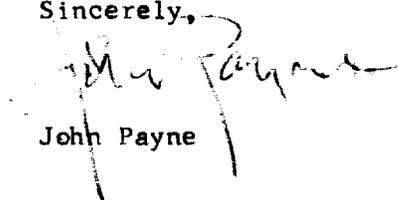
Dear Mr. Dulles,

Two weeks ago, Loyd Wright, Sr., prior to his trip to Europe, suggested that I write you. He pointed out that changes are occurring so speedily on the international scene, that reconsideration might be in line on the matter I discussed with you last year. I personally cannot help but believe that our citizens would be heartened and fortified by some concrete knowledge of our countries defense posture in a time of increasing international pressure, and increasing hard and real problems looming on the horizon.

If a show could be made on some permissable information from your organization, it might serve to awake in some small way our citizenry to the size of the poker game that is being played on and with our planet and the enormity of the stakes involved.

I hope this finds you and yours in the best of health.

Sincerely,


John Payne

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