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Mrs. Elizabeth VanDochren

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Dear Mrs. VanDochren:

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I wish to assure you of our continued interest. As soon as any new information comes to our attention concerning your son and his companions, you will be notified immediately.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mrs. Elizabeth VanDoehren
1305 Woodward Avenue
Elkhart, Indiana

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT: Reply to Mrs. Elizabeth VanDoehren's
Letter of 5 December 1960

1. Attached herewith, for the Director's signature, is a suggested reply to Mrs. Elizabeth VanDoehren's letter of 5 December, requesting the Agency's assent for the Interpol to publish an international missing persons circular on her son, John, and his three companions who disappeared on a voyage from Formosa to Hong Kong on 7 July 1958.

2. Inasmuch as the U.S. Treasury represents the United States in the Interpol, the assent for the publication and assembling of the proper information, such as photographs and signatures for Interpol, falls within their responsibility. The matter has been discussed with Mr. Fred J. Douglas, Assistant to the Secretary (for Law Enforcement), who has agreed to contact Mrs. VanDoehren and assist in assembling the necessary information for Interpol upon referral of the matter to Treasury.

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Acting Chief
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1 Attachment
Letter to Mrs. VanDoehren

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