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26 July 1960

Mr. Lloyd Wendt, Sunday Editor
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
435 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wendt:

Walter Trohan told me last Monday (18 July 1960) that you had informed him that B. T. Singer Features, 7861 Stanton Road, Buena Park, California, had sold you the article "What We Know About Russia's Strength" by Allen W. Dulles, which appeared in the 17 July 1960 issue of the CHICAGO SUNDAY TRIBUNE.

Mr. Dulles, as Walter told you, did not write this story, nor its title, nor did he see the article until it appeared in the TRIBUNE. No one had permission to use his by-line.

The article appears to be a re-write of a speech Mr. Dulles delivered 15 months ago, on 8 April 1959, to the Edison Electric Institute meeting in New Orleans, subject: "The Challenge of Soviet Power." I am enclosing a copy of the speech for your information.

We want to thank you for your prompt cooperation when Walter got in touch with you. So as to prevent a repetition of this sort of thing by Singer Features it is contemplated that we will take up directly with Kurt Singer the misleading nature of the article and the fact of its being out of date.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

cc: Walter Trohan,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Washington

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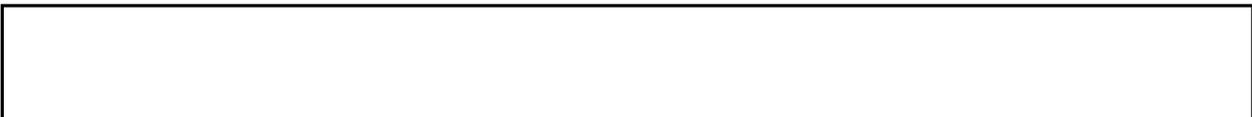
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Walter Trohan telephoned Lloyd Wendt in Chicago. Wendt, who is the Sunday Editor, said they bought the article from the E. T. Singer Features, 7861 Stanton Road, Buena Park, California. They were suspicious in Chicago of this article and wrote the feature company for assurance that they had the rights to it. The Singer Company informed them that it controlled the rights to this article.
3. John Warner, Acting General Counsel, believes no action may legally be taken against Singer Features for rewriting a public speech. It was held in the Rickover case that public speeches may not be copyrighted. This was an off-the-cuff opinion by John who is looking further into the matter.



4. Walter Trohan suggests that you send a letter to Mr. Wendt so that Wendt may reply in writing, telling us how they happened to buy this story. Walter knew nothing about it. He was not consulted by the Chicago office.

/s/ S. J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

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