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Mr. Thomas Wright

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Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 10 July.

We have read your comments with interest and appreciate your patriotic interest in writing to us.

Sincerely,

Signed

[Redacted]  
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Allan Dulles, Chief  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a lifetime student of the Russians ever since my uncle Richardson Wright traveled across Siberia in the last days of the Czars and wrote a couple of books about it, I have a suggestion to make about a countering measure to the forthcoming trial of our airman Powers.

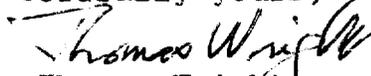
Why not see to it that a simultaneous trial of some Communist spy, either in this country or some other democratic nation, be staged and given wide publicity. Let every move the Russians make against the American be duplicated and gone one better, in our trial of the Russian? And when sentence is meted out against Powers let our sentence be even sharper.

In all the 1500 years of bestial Russian history we find that nothing makes any impression upon these people but a countering punch on the nose. The successive waves of terrible Mongol and Tartar invasion and savage repression have so dulled their sensitivities that nothing but stronger force and the fear of stronger force is a deterrent upon them.

As a constant traveler throughout Latin America and observer of Communist activities in that part of the world, I feel strongly that we should apply more imagination in moving against them, and beat them to the punch in doing so. A strikingly staged counter trial of the type mentioned would be a healthy step in that direction.

With best wishes to you and your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
Thomas Wright