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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter to General Cutler from Mr. Alan P. Cusick of Providence, Rhode Island, which was received by this office following General Cutler's termination of active duty with the White House. Also enclosed is a copy of my reply to Mr. Cusick.

The attachments to this memorandum are forwarded for such consideration as CIA deems appropriate.



J. Patrick Coyne

Enclosures

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August 18, 1958

Mr. Alan P. Cusick  
Industrial Bank Building  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Cusick:

Your letter to General Cutler, postmarked August 13, has been referred to this office for acknowledgment in the light of General Cutler's recent resignation from the White House Staff.

The reasons which motivated your letter to General Cutler are appreciated. Inasmuch as the subject thereof appears to be of primary interest to the intelligence community, I am referring your communication to the Director of Central Intelligence for such additional consideration as may be deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Patrick Coyne

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July 29, 1958

Mr. Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President for  
National Securities Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cutler:

I am an attorney practicing in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I frequently have transactions with the Old Colony Trust Company. Bas Collins is a good mutual friend of both of us. I have a thought which may be of some use to our intelligence system. Rather than passing it through routine channels, I am directing this letter to you so that in the event it is worthwhile it will reach the proper authorities.

I am a retired Navy officer. Part of my service in the Navy was as a lawyer. I have had a continuing and increasing interest in military intelligence. In the course of my recent reading I have read of the problems confronting one of our agents in World War Two who was concerned that he might talk in his sleep and reveal confidences.

This thought has occurred to me. A device could be made which would create a reaction. This reaction would awaken a sleeper. This alarm could be activated by the same type of equipment as is used to voice activate a recorder. The device could be strapped to the person so that an electrical or chemical reaction could stir a nerve and awaken a talkative sleeper. A cruder arrangement might incorporate a simple buzzer alarm which is used in the cheap so called alarm wristwatches.

Undoubtedly, better minds in this field than mine have a simpler and better answer to this problem. This may well be another Rube Goldberg idea. In any event, I pass it on for what it is worth.

Very sincerely,

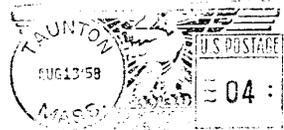


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