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Alexandria, Virginia

February 12, 1958

In Reply Refer To: 3NC

Honorable Alan Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In the fall of 1946 I transferred the Foreign Intelligence Unit from the Manhattan Engineer District to your predecessor organization the Central Intelligence Group.

With the prospective dissolution of the MED I felt, as did General Vandenberg, that this was in the best interests of the United States. This unit took with it certain files which were then necessary for its operation. This was done despite my belief, which was concurred in by the Secretary of War, that these papers would ultimately belong in the special file which was being set up for retention in the War Department.

This file was established to preserve the papers which were likely to be of historical value. Many of these were and must remain highly secret. The file though abbreviated is quite complete. I feel that it would be most advantageous if the papers, which are of historical value, taken by CIA in 1946 could now be returned to this file. They would be kept together and would be available to your agency for official use if you should ever desire such access. I imagine that they are no longer of any current value in your operations.

Prior to the establishment of this file as a permanent collection the provisions for its safeguarding and for restricting its use were approved personally by the then Chief of Staff, General Eisenhower. The file is now in the custody of the Military Records Branch, Federal Records Center, in Alexandria, Virginia. This Center is under the jurisdiction of the Archivist of the United States and access is governed by an agreement between the Archivist and The Adjutant General of the Army. The MED file however is not open to use by anyone except with my prior approval or that of The Adjutant General acting for the Chief of Staff of the Army.

As I am leaving Washington this week on a vacation trip out of the country I would request that your reply be sent to me in care of Mr. Sherrod East who is Chief of the Military Records Branch in Alexandria. If you

agree to my proposal he, or one of his designees, would be the one to whom any papers would be physically delivered. He has seen this letter.

With very best personal wishes,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leslie R. Groves". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

LESLIE R. GROVES
Lieut. Gen. USA, Ret.

P.S.

My permanent address to which I will return about March 12th is
c/o Remington Rand, One Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.