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3 October 1946

Mr. Kingman Douglass
St. Regis Hotel
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Douglass: *King*

I have tried unsuccessfully to reach you by telephone in New York and in Chicago to let you know that the meeting scheduled for 15 October has been cancelled because the majority of the members were unable to attend. Therefore, I trust that this letter will reach you in plenty of time.

I also attempted and failed to set up a meeting for 9 October. Prior commitments and responsibilities seem to make it impossible for the Board of Consultants to meet as an entity, and it now appears inadvisable to schedule regular meetings except as an emergency measure.

Since you have generously signified your willingness to assist in the guidance of the Central Intelligence Group, I am sure that, as an alternative to regularly scheduled meetings, you will be just as willing to act in an individual and personal advisory capacity. This would be of inestimable value to me and to the interests of national intelligence. I hesitate to make demands on your time but feel your guidance and advice will greatly assist the effectiveness of the Central Intelligence Group.

In view of the above, may I now request that you drop in and talk things over with me at such times as are convenient to you. I will be most thankful for your aid, encouragement and advice.

I am looking forward to seeing you when you come to Washington.

Sincerely,

H. S. Vandenberg

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Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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Col Wright

We tried Mr. Douglass' Chicago address. Major White talked to Mrs. Douglass, but she did not know how to reach Mr. Douglass. He also left the message re the cancelation, but Mrs. D. was not sure that she would get it to Mr. D.

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