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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
48 Wall Street
New York 5, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

This will confirm my telephonic message to you yesterday to the effect that the date of 15 October was not satisfactory to the majority of the board members. The same is true of the date of 9 October suggested in lieu thereof. I do want to thank you for accepting the date of 15 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.

Very truly yours,

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to attend meeting suggested for 15 Oct., attempt
was made by telephone on 1 Oct to schedule a
meeting for 9 Oct which was not successful.

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