

6 September 1946

Mr. Allen W. Dulles



My dear Mr. Dulles:

I was delighted to receive your letter of 3 September 1946, stating that you would be glad to serve on the Board of Consultants for the Central Intelligence Group. Your statement that there is no time to be lost in making use of the unexampled resources is most gratifying and can well serve as the key to our future association.

Since some of the members have previous engagements which preclude a September meeting, it has been decided to set a tentative date of Tuesday, 15 October 1946, for the first meeting. Would this date be convenient for you?

Thank you for your acceptance of this important task. I am sure that the results will amply repay the support which you have so generously offered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A/H S ✓'.

HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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To. E. R. then Col. Wright*

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September 3, 1946.

Lieut. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg,
New War Department Building,
21st and Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Upon returning this morning from a few days' holiday I found your letter of 28 August 1946. If there is any way in which I can be of assistance, you can count on my full cooperation, and I shall be glad to serve on your Board of Consultants. It so happens that I am acquainted with all of those whom you have initially suggested and some of them I have known for a long time.

As you can well surmise, I am in full agreement with your position, as I have read it in the papers, that a sound intelligence is our first line of defense and I am persuaded that there is no time to be lost in making use of the almost unexampled resources which this country has for developing a sound and effective intelligence service.

While I have followed the various steps which have led up to the organization of the C.I.G., it would be extremely helpful if you could send me any published and public material outlining its charter and functions. I feel it would be advantageous for me to read over this material before the first meeting of your committee, which I shall hold myself ready to attend.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Allen W. Dulles

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