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2 October 1946

Mr. Robert A. Lovett  
59 Wall Street  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lovett:

Thanks for your letter of 25 September. Sorry to hear the bad news about your forthcoming operation. However, I know that you will be glad to have it over with.

As I notified you yesterday, it was not possible to set up the 15th of October for a board meeting, nor was the date of 9 October acceptable. 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.

Kindest regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

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

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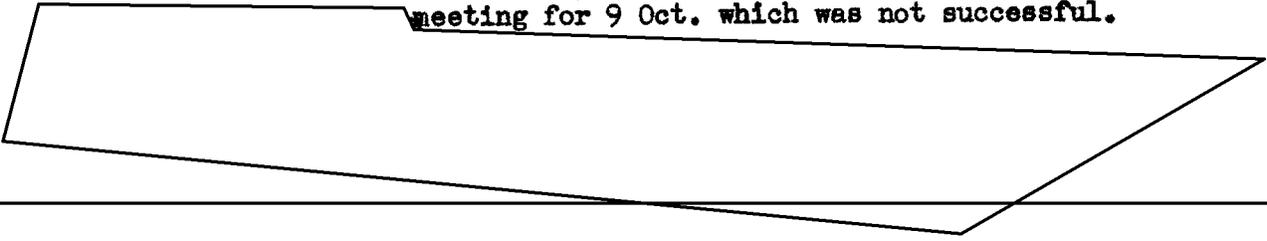
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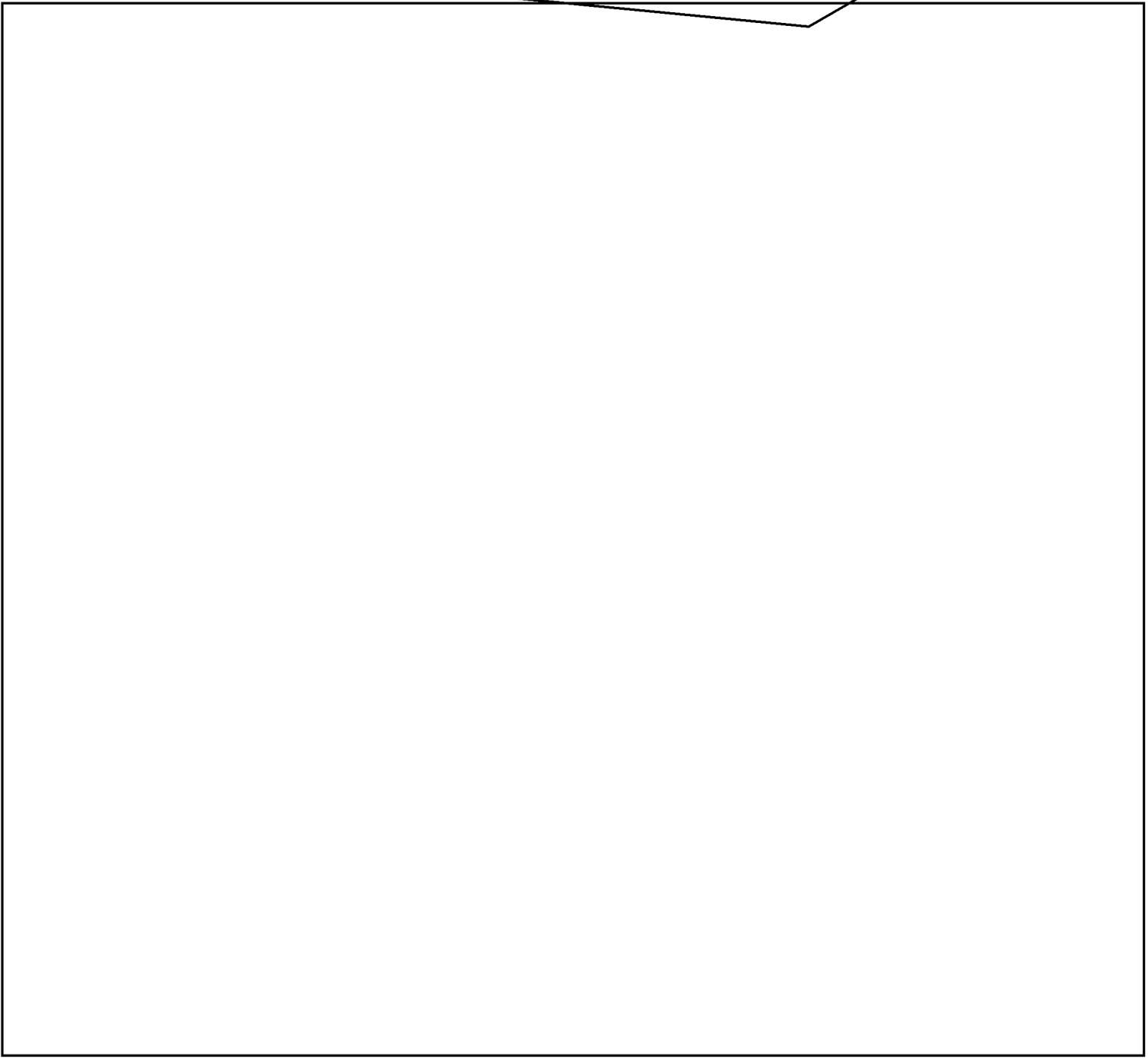
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Note for record: In view of the inability of most of the members  
to attend meeting suggested for 15 Oct, attempt  
was made by telephone on 7 Oct to schedule a  
meeting for 9 Oct. which was not successful.



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