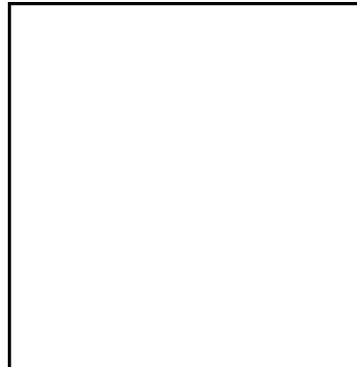


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Mr. Brian Fernandez  
Englewood Young Republican Club  
376 East Palisades Avenue  
Englewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

Upon returning to my office from a brief trip out of the country, your letter of 12 September inviting me to speak at your Young Republican Club dinner on 1 November was brought to my attention.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my present position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various Government service schools, except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was very thoughtful of you to ask me to join you and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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