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Mr. Harold Russell
National Commander, AMVETS
1710 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Commander Russell:

Thank you for your invitation to be among the distinguished guests for AMVETS Fourth Annual Awards Luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel on Saturday, 3 April, when AMVETS Silver Helmets will be presented to five outstanding Americans selected by your convention in August 1960.

I appreciate the distinction offered me of being one of your guests and greatly regret that a prior commitment prevents my acceptance.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful luncheon and my regrets that I may not join you and the other AMVETS on this happy occasion.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Allen D. Dulles
Director

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1710 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

March 24, 1961

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am privileged to extend an invitation to you to be among our distinguished guests for AMVETS Fourth Annual Awards Luncheon which will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Shoreham Hotel on Saturday, April 8.

On this occasion, it will be our privilege to present AMVET Silver Hel-
mets to the following five outstanding Americans selected by a unanimous
vote of our convention delegates last August:

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge -- AMVETS World Peace Award --
in recognition of his exceptional and courageous contri-
butions to universal peace with freedom and justice through
the forum of the United Nations.

The Honorable Leo A. Hoegh -- AMVETS Defense Award -- in recog-
nition of outstanding leadership in developing the Civil
Defense strength of the United States.

Mr. Dwight D. Guilfoil, Jr. -- AMVETS Rehabilitation Award --
in recognition of exceptional contributions in the field of
rehabilitation of disabled persons.

The Honorable LeRoy Collins -- AMVETS Americanism Award -- in
recognition of his exceptional and continuing contributions
to the American way of life and his unwavering adherence to
moral right.

Mr. Bob Hope -- A Special Silver Helmet Award -- as Ambassador
of entertainment to America's Armed Forces. . .for his dedi-
cation in sustaining the highest degree of morale among Ameri-
can GI's serving around the globe.

A reception will be held in the West Ballroom at Noon in honor of our
award recipients and the luncheon will begin promptly at 12:45 P.M. in
the Blue Room. AMVETS would indeed be honored if you could join us on
this occasion. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold Russell
National Commander