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Mr. John J. Roberts
Executive Vice President
Empire State Chamber of Commerce
174 Washington Avenue
Albany 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 March inviting Mrs. Dulles and me to the Annual Congressional Dinner of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce on 2 May.

Much as we would like to attend, I am planning to be out of the city on that date and, therefore, will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, it was very thoughtful of you to ask us to join you on this particular occasion.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

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Director

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JOHN J. ROBERTS
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

March 21, 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Office
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my privilege to invite you and Mrs. Dulles to the Annual Congressional Dinner of the Empire State Chamber of Commerce which is to be held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. on May 2nd. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 and dinner at 7:00.

Our other guests will be New Yorkers like yourself serving in key positions in Washington, as well as the members of the New York Congressional delegation and their wives. Our speaker will be the Honorable James M. Landis, Special Assistant to the President of the United States.

Your hosts will be business leaders from your own state who will be in Washington in connection with the Annual Meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

I certainly hope that your schedule will permit you to meet with us on this occasion. Can you be with us?

Cordially yours,



John J. Roberts
Executive Vice President

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