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28 MAR 1961

Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, President
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Reitz:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 March inviting me to speak at the Annual Public Strategy Seminar on either 7 November or 7 December.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my official 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 address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time. However, your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen D. Dulles
Director

O/DCI, [redacted] bak(27 Mar 61)

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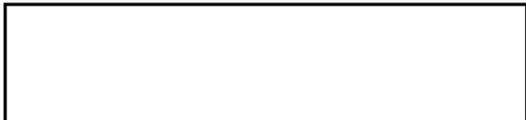
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25 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 3.
2. The attached speaking invitation for next November 7 or December 7, 1961 from the University of Florida, to deliver a public lecture at a "seminar" of students, faculty, and a guest list of people from "Florida and the Southeast," is fairly attractive. The occasion appears to be well sponsored, by the University of Florida and the Reserve Officers Association in that locality, and it would provide an especially appropriate forum for discussing, for example, the situation in nearby Cuba as it will have developed by next November. On the other hand, this invitation is not essentially more compelling than others that you have recently declined, such as those from the East Tennessee Education Association in Knoxville, the American Bar Association regional organization in Chicago, and the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations.
3. RECOMMENDATION: That you decline this invitation.

Attachment


Acting Assistant to the Director

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cc: DDCI

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24 MAR 1961

Dr. Frank R. Barnett
Director of Research
The Richardson Foundation
122 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March extending a formal invitation to your conference on 10-12 April in Chicago.

As you know, I am unable to attend and have asked Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick to represent this Agency.

I am pleased to note the list of distinguished speakers, and I appreciate your keeping me informed.

Sincerely,

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Allen D. Dulles
Director

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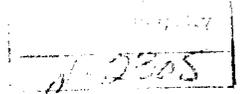
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** I plan to be away from Washington on a brief holiday 10-12 April. W.A.W.D.*

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Invitations



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

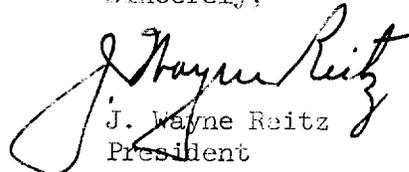
Last year our Department of Military Science initiated an annual series of Public Strategy Seminars, co-sponsored by such groups as the military services and the Reserve Officers Association. The purpose of these Seminars is to alert and inform people in Florida concerning the seriousness of the threat of Communism and to motivate them into effective action in their opposition to this menace to freedom.

In view of your outstanding reputation in our national intelligence structure, we should like very much to have you as our featured speaker at the next annual Seminar. Although we would prefer to hold the program on November 7 or on December 7, 1961, the date can be adjusted to fit your schedule within the limitations of existing major scheduled events.

Attendance at the Seminar will include several thousand students, faculty, and guests from Florida and the Southeast. This would be an excellent opportunity for this broadly constituted audience to have presented to them the present relative strategic positions of ourselves and our protagonist, and an outline of the task which lies before us if we are to win the protracted conflict.

I sincerely hope you will be able to accept this invitation. We hope to make this an occasion of national significance.

Sincerely,



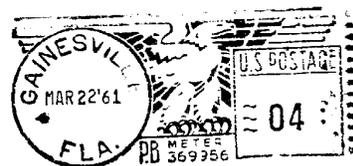
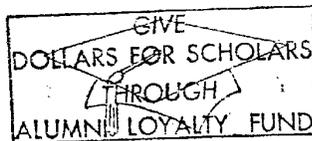
J. Wayne Reitz
President

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

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE



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Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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