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Miss Katharine Reed, Chairman
Social Science Department
East Tennessee Educational Association
1208 Catawba Street
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Miss Reed:

Thank you for your letter of 8 March 1961, inviting me to address the annual convention of the East Tennessee Education Association, next October 27, at Knoxville.

Regretfully, I must decline your interesting invitation. Because of the nature of my responsibilities, I do not normally undertake public speaking that takes me away from Washington, except on the rarest occasions. I appreciate nevertheless your interest in asking me, and your thoughtful comments on the educational problems challenging our Nation.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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P.S. On those occasions when I do speak away from Washington I have made it a practice never to accept an honorarium or payment of expenses incident to any travel performed.

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EASTERN DIVISION OF THE TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Annual Convention: University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Last Thursday and Friday in October

Office Of
The Departmental Chairman

1208 Catawba St.
Kingsport, Tennessee
March 8, 1961

Honorable Mr. Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Honorable Sir:

As Chairman of the Social Science Department of the East Tennessee Educational Association, I have been asked to invite you to be our guest speaker at our annual meeting which will be held on October 27, 1961.

Since the Reader's Digest condensation of the address you delivered before the Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Detroit appeared, I have given much thought to the seriousness of the situation facing America and the responsibility which we, as teachers in the field of social science, must assume. However, I feel that unless someone who is, as you are, in a position to know the facts, points out the present weaknesses in our educational system, we will continue to stumble along until we have completely crippled America's youth.

I know you are a very busy person, with a schedule already too crowded, but I feel that you have so much to offer us and we do need your help if we are to guide the young people who have been entrusted to us.

If you find that it will be possible for you to speak to us I will need the following information: (This seems awfully blunt, but I assume it will not seem as strange to you as it does to me)

1. What is the flat sum required?
2. Do you require an honorarium?
3. Do you require both an honorarium and expenses?
4. Will you come for expenses only?

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

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