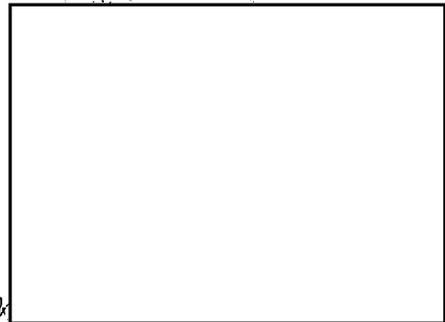


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Mr. John J. Verstraete
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Dear Mr. Verstraete:

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 February inviting me to speak before the 1961 Convention of the National Microfilm Association on 3 April.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my present 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 talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time. However, it was thoughtful of you to ask me to join you and I am sorry that my reply could not be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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