

23 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Attached copy of letter from House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated 20 September 1960, given to DCI and DDCI by Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost and Dr. Louis W. Tordella, this date.

2. They sought support from the DCI in recommending to White House that compliance with such requests would be unacceptably damaging to security. In their presence, DCI advised Mr. J. Vincent Burke, Jr., General Counsel of the Department of Defense, of his full support of the principle of the denial of such requests by the White House.


G. P. CABELL
General, USAF
Deputy Director

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Committee on Un-American Activities
Washington

September 20, 1960

Mr. J. Vincent Burke, Jr.
General Counsel
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burke:

The Committee on Un-American Activities is pursuing its investigation of the defectors, Bernon F. Mitchell and William H. Martin. In order that the Committee might have a complete history of the employees of the National Security Agency who appeared before the Committee in Executive Session on Friday, September 16, 1960, I request that the personnel folders of the following individuals be made available to the Committee on Un-American Activities:

[Redacted]

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The Committee has in its possession a telephone locator pad which it obtained by subpoena from the personal effects of Bernon F. Mitchell. The following individuals are identified as present or former employees of NSA and, for this reason, the Committee request the personnel folders on them. They are:

[Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Francis E. Walter
/t/ Francis E. Walter
Chairman