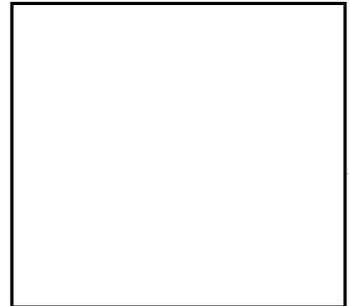


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**The Honorable Herbert Hoover, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Herb:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending today to the Secretary of Defense with regard to possible plans for the development of an earth satellite vehicle.

I understand that this project has been under study in the Department of Defense, as it has been here in our own shop, and I felt that in view of the possible international implications of the project, the Department of State would wish to follow developments in this "celestial" undertaking.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

**Allen W. Dulles
Director**

Enclosure

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