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Mr. Pierce J. Gerety
Deputy Administrator
Refugee Relief Program
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gerety:

Reference is made to your letter of 21 November 1955 regarding the backlog in name check requests which has developed in this Agency as a result of the rapid acceleration of the Refugee Relief Program.

Our present backlog is in fact the consequence of the sudden influx of requests which, based on forecasts given to us by your office, we had expected much earlier and at a more uniform rate of flow. Sufficient personnel were assigned to this program to handle the original workload estimates which proved to be faulty. Your new estimates will require a substantial increase in numbers of personnel. We are thus faced with the problem of recruiting and training new people which, as you know, is a time consuming process. Consequently, the backlog will necessarily increase before it lessens.

I recognize the problems with which you are faced and share your wishes for the successful achievement of the program, and assure you we will exert every effort to handle your requests as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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State

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Letter to Mr. Pierce J. Gerety, Deputy Administrator, Refugee Relief Program

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Attached is the exchange of correspondence between Mr. Gerety of State and you, with reference to name checks your brother called you about yesterday and about which you subsequently spoke to Dick Helms.

There is also attached memoranda from Dick and Jim Angleton on this subject.

You may wish to speak to Dick about this after the Deputies' Meeting on Wednesday (11 Jan). He has been informed that you have this correspondence.

Please note attached letter from Gerety which came thru *DD/P.*
10 Jan 56
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