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Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Intelligence  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Park:

In response to your letter of 26 July 1955, the Agency fully understands that more timely and comprehensive information would appreciably assist in increasing the effectiveness of the Economic Defense Program. While valuable leads often have been provided in specific East-West trade diversion cases, the existing priority situation and more pressing commitments have in many cases prevented the provision of follow-up data.

The Agency agrees that it would not be appropriate at this time to seek a change in the existing priorities structure. However, it

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only would benefit the Economic Defense Program, but would assist in the accomplishment of related activities.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Attachment to letter to Mr. W. Park Armstrong  
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/s/ Richard Helms  
For: DD/P

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