

24 February 1956

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Honorable Harold E. Stassen  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Stassen:

I wish to call your attention to the services rendered the Army Task Force by Brigadier General John F. Cassidy, USA (Ret.), during our work on the inspection plans. General Cassidy's work was outstanding from first to last. No individual made a larger contribution than did he. His devotion to duty, his tact, his grasp of the work that was being done impressed everyone with whom he came in contact. General Cassidy, of course, served with me as Deputy Chief of Staff during most of the war. He is an outstanding individual in every respect -- a man of flawless character and rare ability.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

L. K. Truscott, Jr.  
General, USA (Ret.)

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*W. J. ...*

February 23, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE ALLEN DULLES  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Dillon Anderson asked that I send you this copy  
of a message he has just sent to C. D. Jackson.

*A. J. Goodpaster*  
A. J. Goodpaster  
Colonel, CE, U S Army

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*at*

*White House*

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Mr. C. D. Jackson  
Vice President, Time Incorporated  
9 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York 20, New York

This is simply to confirm the substance of the statements made last evening to Charles Murphy by Allen Dulles, Colonel Goodpaster and myself in reference to Mr. Murphy's article planned for publication in March in Fortune Magazine. You are aware of the extent of genuine concern over the broad adverse impact the article can have. As we indicated to you briefly on the phone and explained in full to Mr. Murphy, and as Mr. Hagerty also indicated, it is our considered view that publication of the article in its present form would seriously risk causing substantial damage to the vital security interests of the United States. Statements deemed to have this effect were marked, by lining through, on three of the sheets handed Mr. Murphy and the encircled portions were deemed particularly damaging by Colonel Goodpaster.

As you know from the statements we made to you, it is also the view here that the numerous revelations of purported executive discussions and deliberations in the National Security Council could not fail to be detrimental to the continued functioning of the National Security Council at full effectiveness. While, of course, we could not collaborate in drafting substitute material, nevertheless I consider that the bounds of security which should be observed in any redrafting were made amply clear to Mr. Murphy and would of course be clear to you.

DILLON ANDERSON