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February 10, 1956

Dear Ted:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 8 about the alleged "Will of Peter, the Great."

I was much interested in the memo you attached about the origins of the document citing evidence to the affect that it probably was a forgery.

I received a somewhat similar historical comment about it, through Bob Murphy, originating from George Kennan.

Even if it is a forgery but nevertheless reflected the aims of Russian policy in the 18th century with reasonable accuracy, that policy has been substantially continued into the 20th century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dodge".

Joseph M. Dodge

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CC: The Honorable Allen W. Dulles