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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Construction of the new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Virginia, will have progressed by mid-October, 1959, so that the cornerstone can be laid in its permanent position.

I am most anxious that the cornerstone-laying ceremony should be held at a time when you, yourself, could lay the cornerstones. The approach roads will be completed to a point which will make access to the site relatively quick and easy by automobile and the trip there should not take more than fifteen minutes. The ceremony will be brief and will be fixed at a time most convenient for you. It would, however, be highly desirable to have it on a Saturday when the working force on the project will be at a minimum and when Agency employees who wish to attend could do so without interfering with their normal duties.

We have tentatively been considering any one of the Saturdays, the 17th, 24th, or 31st of October if convenient for you. If a date early in November is preferable that could, of course, be chosen. We have only suggested October because the chances of good weather are slightly more favorable than in November.

As soon as a definite date is fixed, I shall work out the details of the ceremony with whomever you may designate in order to fit in as conveniently as possible with your other engagements.

Since this Agency has grown of age during the years of your Presidency and you have taken such a deep and constructive interest in it, I am most anxious that you should be the one to lay the cornerstone which, of course, will bear your name.

Respectfully,

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White House

SIGNED

**The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.**

Dear Mr. President:

Construction of the new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Virginia, will have progressed by mid-October, 1959, so that the cornerstone can be laid in its permanent position. I should like to plan for a brief Cornerstone Ceremony as soon thereafter as possible, and believe that it would be advisable to have it on a Saturday when the work force on the project will be at a minimum and those Agency employees who wish to attend will be free to do so without interference with their normal duties.

I would be highly honored if you could lay this cornerstone and suggest 17, 24 or 31 October as appropriate dates if any of these will be convenient for you. In the event that none is convenient, I would appreciate it very much if you would select a Saturday soon thereafter. If a date is fixed I shall work out the details of the Ceremony to fit in with any other plans which you may have with the minimum of inconvenience to you.

Respectfully,

**Allen W. Dulles
Director**

CONCUR:



L. K. White
Deputy Director
(Support)

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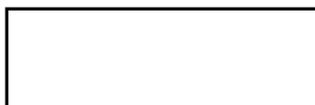
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

The attached proposed letter to The President regarding the Cornerstone Ceremony for the new building has been prepared in accordance with your request.

Recommend signature.



L. K. White
Deputy Director
(Support)

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