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House Committee on Armed Services
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Attached hereto is a letter I am sending to the Speaker of the House, enclosing certain proposed amendments to the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, together with a sectional analysis of the proposed legislation. An identical letter, with accompanying documents, is being sent to the President of the Senate.

This proposed legislation has been under careful consideration for many months, and its submission to the Congress has been approved by the Bureau of the Budget.

Certain of the proposed amendments relate to procurement authorities for the Agency, the ceiling on employment of retired military officers, and changes of a technical nature in our basic law. Most of the proposed amendments, however, are concerned with transportation, allowances, medical care for dependents, and other benefits for Agency personnel and their families. Our purpose is to bring these benefits into line with benefits which now exist or are being proposed for other Government agencies with substantial responsibilities in the foreign field, and I regard these proposals as essential to the maintenance of morale within this Agency and to the encouragement of the concept of a career service in this important and highly specialized field of Government work.

It is my understanding that this proposed legislation will be placed before your Committee for consideration. With this in mind, I am writing to give you my assurance that we are prepared to furnish promptly to your Committee or to its staff any further information, orally or in writing, which you may desire in considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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