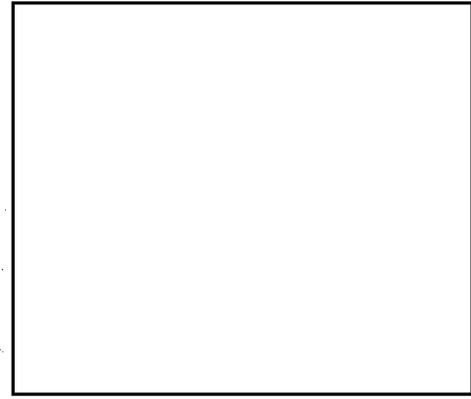


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Honorable Roman C. Pucinski  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pucinski:

I have your letter of 10 August 1959 concerning the disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martino, Jr. in a recent airplane crash in Milan, Italy.

Occurrences of this nature are of concern to this Agency only insofar as they might be a possible threat to the national security. The authority to conduct investigations of incidents of this kind rests with other arms of our government such as the Department of State in its responsibility for the well-being of American citizens abroad and the Civil Aeronautics Board in the investigation of accidents involving U. S. aircraft. These agencies are, in fact, currently participating in an investigation of this incident. I am advised that the Office of Special Consular Services of the Department of State is the organization within the State Department now handling this matter in conjunction with other interested offices in the Department. Although the Civil Aeronautics Board has been represented in the investigation conducted by the Italian Government, no conclusions have been reached inasmuch as the investigation by the Italian authorities is still in process.

You may be assured that although this Agency is not charged with the specific responsibility for the conduct of investigations of this sort, any evidence discovered by investigating agencies relating to the national security will be made

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available to this Agency and will be reviewed by us to determine the presence of factors affecting the national security which are within the province of this organization.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a letter for your signature to Representative Pucinski. He requested that we investigate the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Martino, Jr., in a recent plane crash in Italy. We have determined that Department of State is handling other queries on this crash although actual investigation is the prerogative of the Italian government with the CAB observing. Our response to Pucinski was cleared with the Department of State.

Recommend signature.

[Redacted Signature Box]

11 September 1959  
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