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Mr. R. N. Bergendoff, President
Kansas City Association for
International Relations and
Trade, Inc.
Board of Trade Building
Kansas City 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bergendoff:

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 October concerning
an invitation by Mr. Charles S. Stevenson for me to speak at one
of the Statesmanship Banquets.

I told Mr. Stevenson that I cannot make a commitment at this
time, and will be unable to give him a firm answer until sometime
in December. I now have a letter from Mr. Stevenson advising me
that, if I would notify him in early or mid-December, it would
give him time enough for a January or February meeting. In any
event, I will let him know something definite as soon as possible.

Your courtesy in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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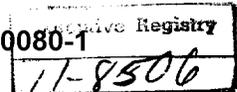
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KANSAS CITY

CHARLES S. STEVENSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

October 20, 1959

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Delighted to hear that there is even a possibility of your coming to Kansas City and talking to us . . . we will take you any time you can make it.

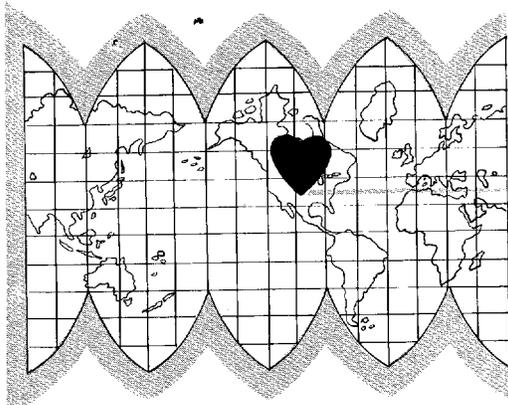
If you notify us early in December or mid-December, I am sure this would be time enough for a late January or early February meeting.

We are so pleased to have you that we will make anything work that you can make work.

Personal regards.

Sincerely yours,
Stevenson

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Kansas City Association

for International Relations and Trade, Inc.

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING • KANSAS CITY 5, MISSOURI • U.S.A.

October 7, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We are extremely hopeful that you will find it in your good judgment to accept the invitation tendered you by Mr. Charles S. Stevenson, a valued Association member, to be the "kick-off" guest of honor at the first of our Statesmanship Banquets. Much thought and consideration have been given to the scope and importance of these affairs to the point that our Executive Committee feels that the position you hold with our government and a record that speaks eloquently for itself would more than fulfill the high objectives set for this annual affair.

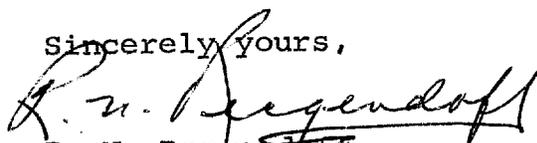
You may be interested in the fact that this Association comprises a hundred leading industrial and business institutions in the Greater Kansas City area, with a considerable waiting list that has come into being, we feel sure, as the result of the aims and purposes of the organization in the economic and diplomatic fields.

We are joined in this solicitation by such mutual friends as Mr. Roy A. Roberts, publisher of The Kansas City Star and Mayor H. Roe Bartle, an articulate and able spokesman for our community.

It is unnecessary to point out that our group will be pleased to arrange your travel and lodging and a proper emolument for your appearance on that occasion.

We look with anticipation to your favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,


R. N. Bergendoff
President

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