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FAR EAST LUNCHEON GROUP

Washington, D.C.

September 25, 1959

Dear [redacted]

You will recall our telephone conversation yesterday concerning the desire of the Far East Luncheon Group to invite the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. Allan Dulles, to speak before our group at one of our winter luncheons.

The Far East Luncheon Group dates from 1954 and is an informal association of United States Government working level economists, international relations officers and program officers who are concerned professionally with problems of the Far East and South Asia. The Group's members come from the Departments of State, Commerce, Treasury, Labor, the ICA, the Bureau of the Budget, Federal Reserve, and other agencies. We meet for lunch about twice a month, usually at the YWCA or a restaurant, to hear guest speakers talk on economic, political, commercial or military problems of the area. Originally organized by 18 working level officials, the Group has grown until we now have between 60 and 80 participants at our luncheons.

Some of our past speakers, within the last two years, have been: the Honorable Chester Bowles, Member of Congress; Mr. G.L. Mehta, former Ambassador of India to the United States; Mr. Robert Estabrook, The Washington Post and Times Herald; Mr. Dean G. Acheson, former Secretary of State; and the Honorable J. Graham Parsons, Assistant Secretary of State.

Mr. Dulles's talk could be as informal as he wishes and would be completely "off the record". Generally, our speakers devote 20 to 30 minutes to their talk, and allow about the same amount of time afterwards for questions. I am sure whatever topic Mr. Dulles chose would be received with very great interest by the Group.

A tentative schedule drawn up by the program committee of the Group indicates free dates for December 3 and December 17. However, any date after December 3 would be quite agreeable to the Group. It is also possible that an earlier date could be worked out. I hope very much Mr. Dulles will be able to accept our invitation. I can be reached on Code 182, Ext-4642, at the Department of State, for any further information you might desire.

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Sincerely yours,

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I discussed the attached with the DCI who asked me to personally telephone Mr. Brewin and advise him that he was most appreciative of the invitation to speak before the Far East luncheon group but that his outside commitments are such at this time that he could not possibly take on another. I did call Mr. Brewin on 29 September and so advised him. The Director also indicated that I might tell Mr. Brewin that should he (DCI) have an opportunity to talk to this group at some later date (possibly after the 1st of the year) he would certainly keep it in mind. This I did and Mr. Brewin asked that I call him if such an occasion did arise.

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