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Mr. Albert I. Edelman, Chairman
Bronxville Forum
Javits, Moore and Trubin
375 Park Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Edelman:

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 December inviting me to be the guest speaker at the Bronxville Forum in late January or in February.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation even though you were good enough to leave the choice of time to me. Because of my many official commitments and heavy work schedule, I have made it a policy to try and keep my outside speaking engagements to a minimum. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated.

With my best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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December 10, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Perhaps your sister Eleanor has told you that I would write this letter of invitation in my capacity as Chairman of the Bronxville Forum. I have had the pleasure of working with her for some time on the Berlin program in my capacity as a Trustee of the Benjamin Franklin Foundation.

I and my associates on the forum committee are particularly anxious to have you appear at our forum either in late January or in February. As you undoubtedly know, our Village of Bronxville is just thirty minutes from New York City and we have a very lively and active community forum. We pride ourselves on the quality of the programs that we have held and of the contributions made to the vitality of community interest in world affairs. We have been favored with distinguished speakers largely on matters of national and international concern.

The members of our forum committee include men and women who play active roles in the professions, the press, in business and in industry, and in public education in the City of New York and in our own community.

We wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be our guest speaker at the Bronxville Forum on a date in late January, giving you a choice of either January 20th or 21st, or January 26th, 27th or 28th, or a date on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in the middle of February that may be convenient for you. We are all particularly interested to hear your views on some of the vital issues with which you have been grappling.

To: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

December 10, 1959

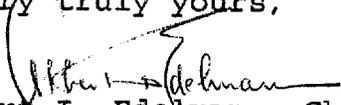
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Our forum meetings are held in the high school auditorium and we can expect an attendance of perhaps 500 people. The meetings are marked by a high level of interest in world affairs, and are attended by an informed and enlightened audience.

We very much hope that you will find it possible to accept for one of the dates indicated. We should like also to arrange for a dinner to be held at the home of one of our residents, which would be attended by some of the people in the community, if you would find it convenient and agreeable.

I do hope that you can be with us.

Very truly yours,


Albert I. Edelman, Chairman
Bronxville Forum

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