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Mr. Victor Riesel
NEW YORK MIRROR
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Riesel:

Thank you for your good letter of 5 May 1959. If I ever made an exception to my rule, I would certainly like to make it for you. Unfortunately, I feel quite strongly that I should not. Once I have done this, it is very hard to turn down other requests.

However, I should be tremendously interested seeing you write a piece on the Soviet's WFTU. I view this as one of the most dangerous of the international Communist front organizations and I would be delighted to turn over to you the information on which you could write a piece far better than I. Then we might see whether, if you desired, you could not mention that you had discussed this subject with me and that I had told you that I considered the WFTU to be ____, ____, and ____ and some well chosen words that you and I might agree on.

Anything we can get to the public to unmask this vicious organization is most desirable and if you could help start the ball rolling, it would be a real public service.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Victor Riesel
NEW YORK MIRROR
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Riesel:

Thank you for your kind letter of 5 May 1959, giving me an opportunity to prepare a guest column on the subject of the Soviet's World Federation of Trade Unions.

I regret that I can't undertake this, even though the subject is one that should be brought more and more to the attention of the American people. I am afraid that if I should do this column, as much as it appeals to me, I would establish a precedent that would at least be bothersome in the future.

Your continuous cooperation is appreciated and I am really sorry that I cannot grant this request. I do hope, however, that you will do a column on this important subject or have one done by George Meany or one of the other American labor leaders.

You have my best wishes for a happy vacation, and again let me say that I am sorry that I could not be more helpful to you in this instance.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

Recommend that IO and PP submit to the DCI an 800-word article on the Soviet World Federation of Trade Unions which could be used with your by-line as a guest of Riesel.


STANLEY J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director


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May 5, 1959

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

Dear Allen Dulles:

An old city editor of mine once told me I'd never get a really good interview until I was turned down two or three times. So, here I am again -- knowing that I write to you at a very trying moment.

Once more I thought I would ask you if you could do, what we refer to around this shop as, a "guest column?" There may be a piece lying around on the Soviet's World Federation of Trade Unions, which would be terrific. Very few in this country now know the full meaning of WFTU.

However, if there is any other subject that you would prefer to put before the labor and industry people who follow my copy, that would be fine, too.

Should this be possible, I would need some 800 words in the form of column, or a statement, by June 15.

With warmest regards,

Cordially,



Victor Riesel

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Remarks:

Stan:

The DCI says he just can't undertake this. He feels that if he does it for one he will wind up having to do the same thing for others.

Will you please prepare appropriate letter of regret?

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