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1 October 1955

ask
Hon. Robert Cutler
Old Colony Trust Company
1 Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts



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Dear Bobby:

Ham Armstrong, who is the editor of Foreign Affairs, asked me the other day whether I thought you would consider writing an article for Foreign Affairs on the National Security Council. As Ham was sailing immediately for Europe, I volunteered to put the question to you with the idea that you might be willing to think it over, and if you find it of any interest, we could talk with Ham when he returns some six weeks from now.

Naturally Ham appreciates that you would disclose no secrets, and he would not want them. He felt, and I think there is something in his idea, that the public at large possibly did not understand the work and functioning of the Council and its place in our government. An authoritative article by you in Foreign Affairs would help to meet this need. Certainly if the article should be done, you would be the one to do it and you can judge better than I whether or not it is wise to do it.

In a sense I have a slightly selfish interest in seeing the article done. We get many inquiries from foreign governments about the Security Council, particularly in connection with the problems they face as to where in government to place the control of their intelligence and related activities. There is generally a good deal of competition for control of intelligence, both domestic and foreign, between the foreign offices, defense establishments, interior ministries and the chiefs of government. It always seemed to me we had hit upon a very happy solution for this problem, and I have had occasion, in one or two instances, informally to suggest to certain

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You are greatly missed. I wish you would get back here more often even if only for a day or so.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

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1 cc to Hon. Dillon Anderson (went out with ER 7-5080)

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*P.S. Since dictating this letter, I talked with Dillon who I believe has also talked with you - but I thought I would send the letter anyway.
AWD.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALLEN W. DULLES
DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

In a conversation with Robert Cutler this morning on the telephone, I learned that the arrangement whereby I would prepare an article on the National Security Council for publication in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly has become so well crystalized that it would be difficult to change it. This plan, as I believe I told you, has the approval of the President, subject to Bobby's O.K. of the scope and coverage of the proposed article; and Ted Weeks, the Atlantic Editor, knows of this through Bobby and me.

Bobby and I agreed, however, to suggest to you that there is ample room in this general field for more than one article, and in this regard he makes the following points:

- a. He will not be able, anyway, for some months to find time to prepare such an article.
- b. He will give it some thought, in the meantime, and when he comes to look over my draft, we can either trim mine down to exclude areas which he might wish to develop perhaps more fully, or find that it does not in fact impinge at all upon the kind of treatment of the subject that he might have in mind.

Hence, I suggest that you go ahead and send Bobby your proposed letter of October 1, supplemented in any way you like in the light of the foregoing.

attached.

Dillon
DILLON ANDERSON
Special Assistant
to the President

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Box 1513, Main Post Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

Just a memo to remind you to speak to Cutler when the right moment offers. I think a full and frank discussion could be very useful.

We're off today. See you early in November. Best from both to both.

As ever,

Ham

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