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Mr. Chester Bowles
Essex, Connecticut

Dear Chet:

Upon my return from Europe I found your letter of September 10th enclosing the copy of the letter you sent to Chris Herter concerning the Americans still held in prisons by the Chinese Communists.

I understand that one of the first instructions the State Department sent Ambassador Beam in Warsaw was to make sure that the prisoner release item was on the conference agenda and was pursued forcefully in his talks. I am sure you know that I am as anxious as anyone to see that everything possible be done to secure the early release of these men.

With best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Remarks:

Gordon: The Director has asked if there is anything new he might tell Mr. Bowles about Downey and Fecteau.

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Mr. Chester Bowles
Essex, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bowles:

During the temporary absence of Mr. Dulles,
may I acknowledge your letter of 10 September.

Mr. Dulles is not expected back from his
trip to Europe until about 1 October. However,
when he returns to his office I shall bring
your letter to his attention.

Sincerely,

Agreed

[Redacted Signature]

Assistant to the Director

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CHESTER BOWLES
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT

September 10, 1958

Dear Allen:

I am enclosing a copy of a note which I have just written to Chris Herter which I hope may induce him to prod our Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

Do you remember our conversation in your office last December when I suggested that Communist pressure on Quemoy was inevitable and that it would place us in an impossible dilemma?

I had the feeling then that you agreed but I also understood what you are up against. Let's hope we come through without an explosion.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Chester Bowles

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.
(transcribed and signed in
Mr. Bowles' absence)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer
Office of the Director

SUBJECT: Downey - Fecteau Cases

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1. Reference is made to your request for new information which the Director might relate to Mr. Chester Bowles concerning the Fecteau - Downey cases.

2. The Director may wish to advise Mr. Bowles that the Department of State advised our Warsaw Ambassador Beam that the prisoner release should be on the Conference agenda and that he should be forceful in his talks on this issue. [redacted]

3. By way of additional information, we have learned that the prisoner issue was raised by Ambassador Beam at the first meeting. The Chinese Communist representative pushed this issue aside and it has not been discussed again since that time.

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Gordon M. Stewart
Director of Personnel

"We do not plan to tell [redacted] about this until the talks have progressed further or have been discontinued."

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