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Mr. Cornelius Van H. Engert

[Redacted]

Dear Van:

I am sorry to have been out of town when you telephoned on December 8th.

As you know, from [Redacted] letter of 19 August, [Redacted] letter of 31 August, and the conversation which you held with [Redacted] on 2 September, we have given considerable thought to ways and means in which we might take advantage of the generous proposition set forth in your letter of 29 July. Unfortunately, many factors - including the very marked change in temperature which has taken place since you wrote me - make it most difficult for us to work out any practical means of taking you up on your offer. Of course, I will keep you very much in mind, and should anything promising turn up, I will be in touch with you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES:

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Mr. Van Engert called [redacted] yesterday and appeared to be quite upset because he did not believe you had ever seen the attached letter he sent you just prior to your departure for Europe last summer.

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[redacted] acknowledged and thanked him for the letter on your behalf and sent it to the Director of Personnel for action. The Personnel office sent the letter to various people in DD/P including NEA, SR and IO Divisions and the PP Staff. No one expressed any interest in Mr. Van Engert's proposition. He was so advised by [redacted] then Acting Director of Personnel. After receipt of [redacted] letter Mr. Van Engert called him for an appointment to further amplify his letter.

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While Mr. Van Engert's letter is dated 29 July it apparently did not reach [redacted] until 18 or 19 August. I believe Mr. Van Engert dropped it into the letter slot at your home so probably you have seen it before.

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Attached are the following papers which reflect the above handling:

- 1. Mr. Van Engert's letter of July 29th. ✓
- 2. [redacted] letter of August 19th. ✓
- 3. [redacted] letter of August 31st. ✓
- 4. [redacted] memorandum of interview dated 2 September. ✓

all returned to Personnel for file

I am bringing this to your attention again at Mr. Van Engert's expressed desire. Do you wish any further action to be taken?

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