

Exec 5-8570

1 August 1954

Dear Charlie:

I am hoping to get over to France by the middle of August. The exact date is somewhat uncertain as I may have to stay here until Congress adjourns and I doubt whether they get through for another ten days or longer. On the whole, we have had a pleasant summer here, although just at the moment we are having a heat wave and would be glad to share a bit of it with you on the other side. I hope that I can join you both somewhere in Europe and I will get in touch with you by phone when I reach Paris if it is before your departure for the Norway trip.

I appreciate your having thought of me in connection with the "Mallard." I have checked with our Logistics Section and they tell me that at the moment we have no need for a plane of this particular type as we seem to be adequately equipped. Hence, I suggest you do not hold up any other plans you may have for disposing of it. I am, nonetheless, very appreciative of this chance you have given us.

Love to Jayne.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ALLEN W. CULLES

Charles B. Wrightsman, Esq.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Charles B. Wrightsman, Esq.



Dear Charlie:

I appreciate your letter of 20 July, giving us the first opportunity to purchase your Grumman Mallard.

We have taken a close look at our needs and find that we can not use it at this time.

My appreciation of your giving us "first refusal" is enhanced by my personal memories of some pleasant travel in the plane.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

NOTE: The DCI wrote Mr. Wrightsman on 1 August 1954 that CIA had no need for the plane offered him.

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Mr. Charles B. Wrightsman

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Dear Mr. Wrightsman:

Upon receipt of your letter of July 20, 1954, I checked the needs of this Agency and determined that there exists at present no requirement for a plane such as your Grumman Mallard.

I thank you for keeping us in mind and for giving us this opportunity to consider purchasing your fine plane.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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