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23 March 1954

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge your letter of 17 March concerning information requested by the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. The Agency is compiling the information that we have available and is making a study to determine what further information can be obtained. As you mentioned in your letter, this task is most difficult but we realize its importance and shall devote our best efforts to it.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 2430 E Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to a letter dated February 28, 1951, addressed to the Central Intelligence Agency by the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. That letter pointed out the need which the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference agencies have for information from foreign sources pertaining to Russian and Satellite espionage and sabotage organizations and the activities and targets of those organizations.

The IIC agencies have received a number of Central Intelligence Agency reports that to varying extents reflect extensive operation of subversive training schools in areas under Soviet control, particularly in the European area.

In view of the heavy responsibilities assigned to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference by the National Security Council in connection with the investigation of espionage, counterespionage, sabotage and subversion and other related intelligence matters, the IIC agencies have an urgent and continuous need for any additional available information, or information which may be developed, concerning the activities at these training schools, and the identities, missions and targets of the graduates.

The IIC members realize that to develop sources and obtain detailed information such as that desired is a most difficult, and in some instances an almost impossible, task. It is felt, however, that it will be helpful to you

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if the IIC points out the specific items of information in which we have a direct interest in order that your efforts may be directed along these lines in your attempts to secure the information abroad. The following information is that which is most urgently needed to assist the IIC agencies in countering the espionage and sabotage plans of Russia and the Satellite countries, and the military members of the IIC are placing their requirements on their field representatives abroad. Any information which your agency may be able to obtain will be appreciated.

- a. Name, cover name and location of training school and information of the following aspects:
 1. Directing agency.
 2. Curriculum, scope and duration of training.
 3. Training equipment.
 4. Identity of instructors and faculty.
 5. Source and type of students recruited.
 6. Number of students per course and total enrollment.
 7. Identity of students, including aliases.
 8. Number of graduates, location and assigned mission of graduates.
 9. Plan for continued use of facilities and possible expansion of training facilities.
- b. Sabotage, espionage and other plans and targets of trained agents, particularly those that affect the United States.
- c. Essential elements of information assigned to subversive agents, particularly those assigned to the United States or U. S. military establishments abroad.
- d. Location of agents, nets, source of direction, areas of operation and contacts, particularly those assigned to the United States or the penetration of U. S. military establishments abroad.
- e. Mission training, including briefing, penetration techniques, system of communications, use of specialized equipment, use of cover guises, and escape and evasion plans.

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- f. Mission equipment, including documents (credentials, badges, passports), communication and signal devices, sabotage equipment, photographic equipment, finances, weapons, and surreptitious entry tools.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will have prepared for the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference agencies a document compiled from all information presently available to the Central Intelligence Agency concerning the type of information which has been referred to above. A compilation of this information will enable the IIC agencies to have a more complete picture of this type of operations on the part of the Soviet bloc countries and will be of considerable value in our consideration of the intelligence picture.

It will also be greatly appreciated by those of us in the IIC if special emphasis can be directed by you upon your efforts to obtain additional information along these lines in the foreign field.

Please be assured of our desire to closely cooperate with you in these matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference