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Lt. General Hoyt Vandenberg  
Director  
Central Intelligence Group  
New War Department Building  
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Dear General Vandenberg:

Just a brief note to express the real thanks of the Commission for meeting with them on last Friday. I know from the comments which I heard after you had left that they felt your presentation and that of [redacted] were of great value.

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I should like to have been present myself, but on occasions where Intelligence information is discussed, I follow the rule of excluding everyone from the room except the members of the Commission and the witnesses. Under such circumstances I feel that the persons whom we invite would feel freer to talk frankly without any fear of security leaks.

25X1 [redacted] Please extend the thanks of the Commission to [redacted] for the important part which he also played in making your presentation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John H. Ohly

Executive Secretary

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