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Mr. Lawrence E. Laybourne
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Dear Mr. Laybourne:

I am returning herewith the section of the book by Mr. Foote which was attached to your letter of 2 November. The Central Intelligence Agency has gone over the section very carefully and finds that the account is substantially accurate. It would perhaps be less confusing to refer to the civilian espionage agency of the USSR as MGB throughout even though prior to 1946 both NKGB and NKVD are historically correct. As far as we can determine there is no objection to the release of this account to the general public. In accordance with your letter, we do not wish to be quoted in public as having reviewed the article or as having given any opinion about it.

Very sincerely yours,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter *11-10-48*
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Admiral:

Enclosed is a section of a book which is intended for publication by Doubleday next April.

LIFE Magazine has it under consideration as the basis for an article. Before we make any decision on using it we would very much appreciate any guidance which you feel the CIA can give us on its general accuracy and the desirability of it being made public in our pages. Naturally we don't expect any sort of official statement for public use, but any informal information which you can give us would be most helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

s/x

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