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To: S.O. Property Survey Board
Through: ADSO

19 May 1948

From: Director

Subj: Appeal of [redacted]

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1. The written appeal of [redacted] dated 15 April 1948, from the action of the S.O. Property Survey Board, dated 9 March 1948, approving the recommendation of the Surveying Officer, dated 21 June 1947, that [redacted] be held pecuniarily liable in an amount not to exceed \$250 for the loss of a Government vehicle, has been examined by me, together with exhibits and attachments.

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2. That portion of the report of survey relieving [redacted] from accountability is approved.

3. I have considered the case of [redacted] in the light of all circumstances as they appear in the record and the statements in his written appeal, and it is my determination that there is not evidence of negligence sufficient to warrant imposition of personal liability. By virtue of the authority vested in me, I therefore direct that the Government property in question be accounted for as lost in the course of official business and that, in the best interests of the Government, the responsible and accountable officers be relieved of pecuniary liability.

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4. In thus relieving [redacted] of liability, I do not absolve him entirely of blame in connection with the loss. I therefore direct that a summary report be prepared and forwarded to [redacted] with a recommendation that an official reprimand be administered to [redacted] for carelessness in connection with the loss of Government property.

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To [redacted]

cc: ADSO
L.R. Houston

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The Honorable Lindsay C. Warren
Comptroller General
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Warren:

As you are of course aware, this office was given legal status as an agency by the National Security Act of 1947. That Act, however, provided no detailed fiscal or administrative authorities to which reference could be made in expending, or accounting for, funds. In view of the obvious need for clarification of our administrative and other authorities, enabling legislation was prepared which became law on 20 June 1949, as the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Public Law 110, 81st Congress).

That law, after considerable discussion and comment, granted to the Agency, and myself, certain very broad and unusual powers in a number of respects. Passage of this legislation, therefore, emphasizes rather than reduces the responsibilities which are placed on me and of which I am keenly aware.

We are now in the process of implementing this legislation by internal policy guides and administrative instructions. It therefore seemed an appropriate time for me to extend to you and your staff my appreciation for the support and assistance given to this Agency during the period when each exercise of authority was open to possible question or objection. We have attempted to keep your General Counsel, Mr. Fisher, aware of our general procedures and policies and wish, particularly, to express our appreciation for his able assistance and support. From time to time representatives of this office have given him assurances concerning my policies in

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regard to some of the unusual fiscal matters with which this Agency is concerned. I wish to state that, so long as I hold this position, these policies and my attitude toward the Government funds under my control will be in no way changed by the legislative grants of power to me.

To the various officers of the General Accounting Office who have also assisted in overcoming difficult problems, I extend my thanks and, particularly, for the secure and efficient audit system which has been in operation since this Agency was created. We feel that with your support we have created and developed an office which is performing a function of importance to the national security.

If at any time, you or your representatives would like clarification as to the functioning of this Agency or discussions of future policy, please be assured that I shall be at your service.

Very sincerely yours,

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R. H. HILBENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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