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The Honorable
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

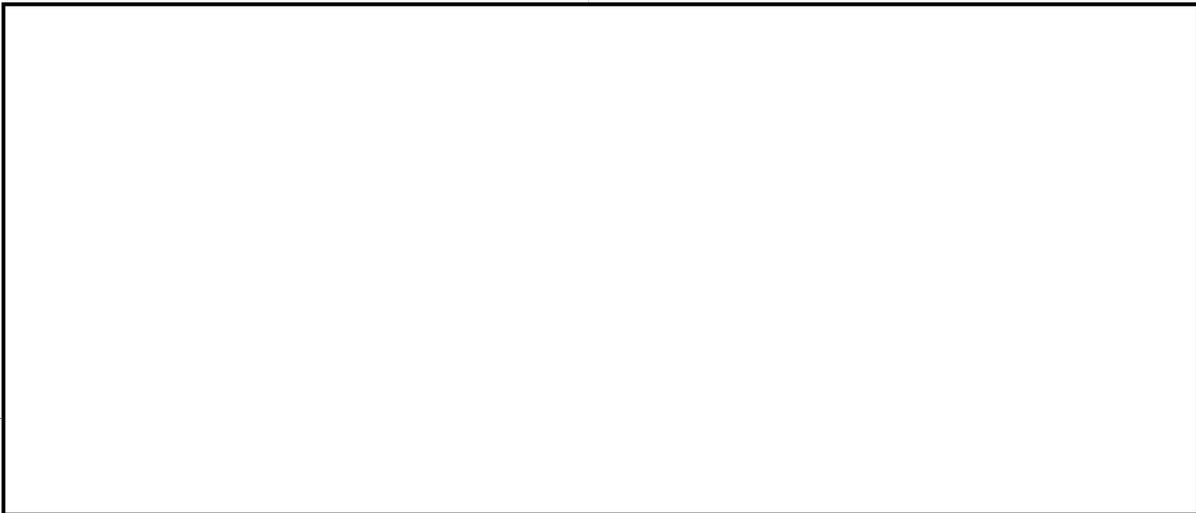
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is understood that the Department of Defense is assisting Senator Lodge in drafting legislation, which the Senator may later introduce, to authorize the enlistment by the US Army for foreign service of 100,000 or more aliens who are nationals of the USSR and of countries within the Soviet orbit.

As the Department of Defense is aware, this Agency is very much interested in aliens of these national origins. In addition to being the source of extremely valuable information, they also provide recruits for a wide-range of the activities which are authorized under NSC 10/2 and related papers.

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It is understood that General Heber of the Legislative and Liaison Branch in the Department of the Army is presently working on the new draft of Senator Lodge's bill. If the Department of Defense has no objection, CIA would like to designate a member of its staff to consult with General Heber from the point of view of CIA interest

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in the provisions of the bill. It is assumed that the final version of the bill will include a broad clause empowering the Secretary of the Army to issue from time to time such regulations necessary for him to carry out the provisions of the bill, and it is suggested also that this CIA official consult with appropriate officials of the Department of the Army as to the arrangements which should be made to insure that these regulations take CIA's interests appropriately into account.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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