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The Honorable Errett P. Scrivner
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Scrivner:

In reply to your letter of July 30th, I shall try to give you some answers to the two questions you propound.

The first, as regards the proposed UN building, any building on this particular site would not impair our national security even though movements and activities at the Brooklyn Navy Yard could be observed. Such a building would not offer any better observation point than that obtainable by any person walking across Brooklyn Bridge, or taking an East River ferry, or even walking along the dock or river front in lower Manhattan opposite the Navy Yard. This does not take into account, of course, any infiltration or penetration that may be made into the Navy Yard workmen themselves which could be done regardless of whether or not the UN building were built.

In answer to your second question, I cannot give you an exact number of Communists now with UNESCO inasmuch as their personnel figures vary from month to month. However, I can say that the clerical and professional staffs of UNESCO are more completely shot through with Communists and Communist sympathizers than any other international alphabetical organization. I should say that a conservative statement would be that eighty per cent. of the clerical and professional staffs of UNESCO would come under these headings. Some of the leading officials of UNESCO also have long had reputations of "pinko-leanings," and, of course, that has facilitated the penetration by Communists and their sympathizers in the working staff. All the international alphabetical organizations have some such sympathizers although UNESCO is by far the worst. This happens because jobs are given out in these organizations, not to citizens of any one country, but are divided up among the citizens of all countries represented in the organizations. Naturally, the Russians and the satellite states put their own sympathizers in the jobs allotted to their own countries.

I hope this answers your questions. If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me. With very best wishes, please believe me,

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