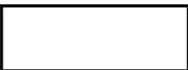


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Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 July 1955, with which you forwarded for my consideration a letter to you from Mr. Richard M. Smith, Editor and Publisher of the Providence Journal of McLean, Virginia.

Mr. Smith's letter sets forth his views in favor of locating the proposed CIA headquarters installation at Langley, Virginia. Mr. Smith also testified in favor of our possible location at Langley before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 15 July 1955, and I believe that his testimony was extremely effective.

We have determined that the two best sites for our new headquarters installation would be the one on Government-owned land at Langley, Virginia or a tract in private hands in the Alexandria area. We have, of course, expressed a preference for the Langley site, and it is hoped that we will be able to make a final announcement within the next few weeks.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you for a pleasant summer and to thank you for your many kindnesses to all of us here.

With kindest regards.

WLP
John
W. Dulles

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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