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Mr. Henry P. Balivet, Jr.  
Assistant to the Honorable Ralph W. Flanders  
Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Balivet:

Many thanks for your letter of 13 May enclosing a letter from [redacted] to Senator Flanders.

I have noted [redacted] comments concerning possible CIA contacts with the [redacted]. As I am sure you understand, it is often necessary for CIA to be in contact with all types of groups abroad. This results in a great many rumors regarding persons and groups with whom we are allegedly in contact. Many persons and groups often claim CIA connections for their own aggrandizement, where such contacts do not in fact exist. As a matter of security policy, we never comment on the truth or falsity of these claims.

I also appreciate your offering to provide me with the publications listed in [redacted] letter, but I find copies are already on file in the agency. I trust, however, that whenever matters of this kind come to your attention, you will not hesitate to inform me.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope you are enjoying your new work.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Dear Mr. Balivet:

Thank you for your letter of May 13 enclosing a letter from [ ] to Senator Flanders.

We appreciate your calling to our attention the information contained in [ ] letter, and have noted his comments concerning possible CIA contacts with the [ ]

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[ ] Because of the nature of the work of this Agency, it is often necessary for CIA to be in contact with all types of groups abroad. This results in a great many rumors regarding persons and groups with whom we are allegedly in contact. Many persons and groups often claim CIA connections for their own aggrandizement, where such contacts do not in fact exist. As a matter of security policy, we never comment on the truth or falsity of these claims.

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