

24 July 1973

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Room 7D65

Dear General Walters:

When I advised you of Colonel George R. Wienbrenner's hospitalization in early December 1972, I suggested at the time that it would be of great benefit to you as DDCI to visit at some time in the future the U.S. Air Force Systems Command Foreign Technology Division (FTD) at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. This note extends on behalf of Colonel Wienbrenner and myself an invitation to visit FTD at your convenience in late August or early September.

As you are aware FTD is concerned exclusively with Soviet and Chicom Space Technology. I visit FTD once each month for 2-3 days as Mobilization Augmentee to Colonel Wienbrenner and on each occasion I am more impressed with the professional competence and effectiveness of this organization. I believe you will find a short visit to FTD for a briefing and orientation on FTD's scientific and technical mission viz aerospace intelligence, professionally and personally rewarding. In addition, you will meet a highly dedicated, competent and interesting group of U.S. Air Force officers and civilian employees. I should be privileged to arrange this visit with Colonel Wienbrenner and accompany you to FTD if you are able to arrange your schedule accordingly.



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NB:

If you are able to visit FTD, we should allow 1 1/2 days. Travel may be by commercial air from Dulles (55 minutes to Dayton) or we will try to arrange a dedicated aircraft from Andrews Air Force Base.

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Re FTD trip

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Wienbrenner would like to have General Walters visit FTD for at least 1 1/2 days immediately after Labor Day weekend, that is, 4-5 September.

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When Gen Cushman had gone out on a visit, he was accompanied by [redacted] of OSI and [redacted]. Both of them deal with FTD and [redacted] is close friend of Wienbrenner. If General Walters would like to have them accompany him on the visit, Wienbrenner would be happy to have them there.

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FTD asks that General Walters have a session with the Junior Officers while there, for about an hour.

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[redacted] will accompany and can either go with General Walters if he drives ~~and~~ or he can fly out and meet him there.

*Trip was not made
by DDCI*

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