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Major General C. A. Willoughby, GSC
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Far East Command
APO 500 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear General Willoughby:

25X1 Thank you very much for your letter of 6 October 1949 which just arrived. I
wish to inform you that I am as much disturbed as you are about the visit of
25X1 [redacted] into the Far East Command. [redacted] was working for an organization over
which, although nominally attached to the Central Intelligence Agency, we have no
jurisdiction and no control. The function of this special branch is in the field
of black propaganda, and it is directed jointly by the Department of Defense and
the Department of State, of which control the Department of State, I should say,
has about a 90% share. This organization was set up by a resolution of the
National Security Council and was placed under the Central Intelligence Agency for
logistic support only. I cannot give them instructions as to what they should or
25X1 should not do, nor can I tell them where they may or may not go.

In this particular case, I, myself, knew nothing about the visit of [redacted]
[redacted] to your command until a message was received from our man in your theater
regarding his visit. I regret, perhaps even more than you do, that such uncoor-
dinated visits are allowed to happen. We have a proposal now before the National
Security Council that the functions of this organization either be completely
integrated into the Central Intelligence Agency or that the organization be with-
drawn completely from the Agency. If the first of these proposals is accepted,
then the Agency will have control over such visits, and I can assure you that that
control will be exercised in order that no free-wheeling visits occur.

Your statement, "I have been informed reliably that he was actually a CIA
operator possibly on a State Department mission," is in error as [redacted] is
not and never has been connected with CIA except through this organization men-
tioned above over which we have no control.

When a change comes in this organization, I shall let you know, and meantime
you may be assured that you will be informed whenever any CIA people come into
your theater.

With best wishes, please believe me.

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched thru ADSO 10/19/49

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Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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