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18 December 1947

Mr. H. C. Cranfill  
Vice President  
Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd  
P. O. Box 451  
Orange, Texas

Dear Mr. Cranfill:

Secretary Forrestal has referred to me your letter of December 12th, and I wish to inform you that your procedure in this matter has been entirely correct. We are investigating Mr. [redacted] but up to the present there is no information to show that he is a "naval expert" in other than his own mind. Consequently, there is no need to furnish him with any information.

Your interest in referring this matter to the Secretary of Defense is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*P. H. Hillenkoetter*  
R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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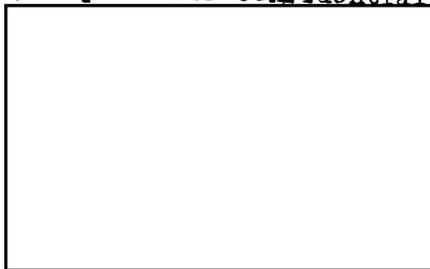
Harvey C. Cranfill  
Vice-President

December 12, 1947

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Mr. James V. Forrestal  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure: (A) Request for Confidential Information by-



Dear Mr. Forrestal:

Enclosure (A) is submitted for information and such action as you may deem necessary under the circumstances.

We have no intention of replying to the enclosure and accordingly have forwarded you the original copy.

Unfortunately it is quite possible that a similar letter has been forwarded to manufacturers or builders of all types of combat equipment, and it is also unfortunate that, no doubt, many prime contractors will feel flattered and furnish the information and data requested, and accordingly it may be that you will wish to have all mail censored ~~xxxx~~ that is addressed as shown on the attached letter.

Very truly yours,

CONSOLIDATED STEEL CORPORATION  
Shipbuilding Division

/s/ H. C. Cranfill  
Vice President

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Dear Mr. Cranfill:

Your letter of December 12th, relative to a request for certain information about your Company has been received.

I am referring your letter to the Director of Central Intelligence. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal

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