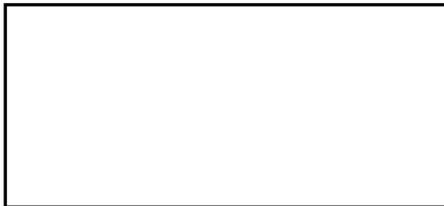


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Thanks very much for your letter of 19 January and your sound suggestion with regard to a source of material of value to our National intelligence effort. For reasons which you will understand, I will not discuss your suggestion in this letter but I have asked a representative of this Agency to call on you during his next visit to San Antonio in order that he may acquaint you personally with the extent of our interest in this field.

Your interest in the Central Intelligence Agency is sincerely appreciated. I think one of the few compensations of this job is the knowledge that the entire nation is keenly aware of the need of an effective intelligence organization at this time and every good citizen considers himself a member of the team.

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Sincerely,

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WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

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