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STAFF :  Ass't to DCI

DATE: 13 Dec 1951

FROM : Military Personnel Division

SUBJECT: Mr. Spiegelberg's letter to DCI 20 Sept 51

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General Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

Before stating the reason for this letter, I am going to take the liberty, though it may be unnecessary, to recall to you my identity.

I served on General Eisenhower's Staff as Chief of Procurement Control Section, G-4 Division, from December of 1943 to the end of February 1945, with the rank of Colonel after June 1, 1944, a rank, by the way, to which you recommended that I be promoted. You may remember that as a friend of John J. McCloy, then Assistant Secretary of War, I, pursuant to his suggestion, corresponded with him directly rather than through military channels, a procedure and course of action which, as you pointed out to me in some detail, though perhaps well intended, was not in accordance with military regulations. You may have well forgotten this incident, but I have not. I also saw you on a number of occasions concerning the settlement of disagreement between overlapping of authority of G-4 and G-5, and received your whole-hearted support.

Having recalled myself to your mind, I will set forth below the reason why I am writing this letter to you and am also writing a somewhat similar letter to your Deputy, Allen Dulles, Esq., whom I have met through the practice of my profession in New York.

STAT [redacted] The letter is written on behalf of the application of [redacted] of Lincoln, Massachusetts, for a commission under A.F.M. 36, 5-a of March 19, 1951, paragraphs 50-52 inclusive.

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[redacted] who have been good friends of ours for upwards of five years. He is a young man of unimpeachable integrity and very substantial ability. He speaks French fluently and I am informed that Captain Donnelly of Air Force Intelligence [redacted]

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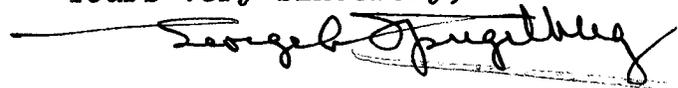
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STAT Office of the Director of Intelligence, Pentagon, is anxious to procure [ ] services but is unable to do so unless [ ] because of his status as a Private, is waived under either paragraph 6 or 7 C of A.F.M. by someone on the policy level. STAT

STAT On the assumption that the information above set forth concerning the necessity of waiver is accurate, I am writing because I am so convinced that if the Service has need of a Prisoner of War Interrogator, a Psychological Warfare Officer or a Foreign Office Propaganda Officer, [ ] as all of those qualities which insure the sort of loyalty that such positions require and which it is so difficult to know a candidate possesses unless one has had the extended opportunity that I have had to observe Private [ ] during his formative years. STAT

I am sure it is unnecessary for me to say that I do not write letters like this as a matter of routine nor do I write them unless I am wholly convinced that I know whereof I speak and that the person on whose behalf they are written will justify my belief in their character and ability.

Yours very sincerely,



GAS:EA

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REMARKS: What are the regulations referred to in the attached letter, and what do you recommend we do in this case? I do not believe General Smith has any interest.

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