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Dear General:

I am pursuing again the subject of my confidential letter to you as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have before me your secretary's letter of July 1st. It is difficult for me to understand how I could have made it any clearer than I did in my letter to you of June 26th that I desired a meeting with you personally, and that I was prepared to come to Washington at my own expense to implement it.

Originally, I had requested a meeting with your Deputy-Director, Mr. Allen Dulles, as it was my thought then that he could serve the introductory purposes of complete security.

However, as you undoubtedly know, instead of a reply, I received a visit from a [redacted] who insisted that I discuss the matter with him - which I felt I could not do. Subsequently, I phoned Mr. Dulles' office for an appointment and was told by his secretary that his schedule was too full for him to see me.

Under the Act of Congress which created and finances the Central Intelligence Agency, you, as its current Director have the ultimate responsibility for the collection and proper evaluation of critical international information together with the responsibility for the security thereof.

I, as an American citizen with long established international activities - and something of major importance to contribute - also have a security responsibility.

Since I know that complete security unfortunately is not always guaranteed by lower echelon contacts connected with your Agency, I repeat and re-emphasize the fact that in this critical period of our national history I desire to talk with you.

The record will show that since the 30th of May I have diligently endeavored to have a conference with either of the two public servants

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charged by the Congress with the collection, for the President's information, of world-wide intelligence - and I have not been successful.

Where do we go from here?

Sincerely,

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President