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Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Allen:

I thought you would be interested in the
attached excerpt from the stenographic transcript
of hearings before the House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Administration of Internal Revenue
Laws of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Gordon Gray]

Gordon Gray
Director

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Mr. DeWind: You said that you had many conferences with the Minister of Defense?

Mr. Caudle: We had several. And on my return, on our return, the matters on which later on the Minister of Defense of Italy came to this country to the Ministers Conference in Ottawa . . . and he came to New York, and Mr. D'Agostino wanted me to go up and further talk to him. I did.

Mr. DeWind: What was your function in all these talks? What were you supposed to do?

Mr. Caudle: Well, now, what was done, Mr. DeWind, is classified, and I cannot tell you, sir. But I want you to know that what was done was reported to Admiral Sowers, to General Bedell Smith, to Mr. Alan Dulles, and to Mr. Gordon Gray.

Mr. DeWind: Well, were you in any sense an official . . .

Mr. Caudle: No, sir.

Mr. DeWind: . . . of the United States Government, acting officially?

Mr. Caudle: No, sir. No official status, whatsoever.

Mr. DeWind: Did you prepare any written report on this?

Mr. Caudle: No, sir.

Mr. DeWind: You just talked to people?

Mr. Caudle: I talked to people, and I arranged a conference for the Minister of Defense here in Washington.

Mr. DeWind: You say you arranged a conference?

Mr. Caudle: I did, at his request. He wanted to meet Mr. Gordon Gray, the head of Psychological Warfare, and he did.

Mr. DeWind: You mean the Italian Minister of Defense had you arrange that through you?

Mr. Caudle: Yes, he is a warm friend of Mr. D'Agostino, and Mr. D'Agostino knew him when he was in exile in New York when he had a little Italian paper there and his wife worked in a millinery store.

Mr. DeWind; So you had these conferences with the Minister of Defense and came back and talked to people, but you prepared no report?

Mr. Caudle: No, sir.

Mr. DeWind: You were not officially delegated for the purpose?

Mr. Caudle: Not a bit in this world. I went over there as an American citizen without status, whatsoever.

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