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STRAIGHT TELEGRAM

GENERAL MARK CLARK  
THE CITADEL  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

SINCERELY GRATIFIED AT YOUR EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON JOB FOR HOOVER COMMISSION AND WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY FULLEST COOPERATION. I HAVE ALREADY HAD OPPORTUNITY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS WITH MR. HOOVER THE GENERAL PROBLEMS OF ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT WE FACE HERE AND SHOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE I SHOULD BE GLAD TO FLY DOWN TO CHARLESTON AND SPEND AN EVENING WITH YOU. MEANWHILE I AM SELECTING A SMALL GROUP HERE TO GET TOGETHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR YOU.

I HAD PLANNED TO TAKE A BRIEF INSPECTION TRIP <sup>IN</sup> ~~ABROAD TO~~ EUROPE COMBINED WITH SHORT VACATION UPON ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS PRESUMABLY EARLY AUGUST TO BE AWAY UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER. I GATHER ~~ED~~ FROM THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS THAT THIS WOULD FIT IN WITH YOUR OWN SCHEDULE, BUT I SHOULD WELCOME PRELIMINARY TALK WITH YOU BEFORE I GET AWAY.  
KINDEST REGARDS.

ALLEN DULLES