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The Honorable Sherman Adams
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Adams:

This is to acknowledge a list of names and certain allegations which your office received from the Hoover Commission and which you turned over to this Agency on 2 June 1955. (Tab A)

This list appears to be similar to a list of names received from Senator McCarthy on 17 March 1953 (Tab B), and a list received from the Clark Committee on 25 March 1955 (Tab C). Some of these names also appeared in a list received by this Agency from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 13 May 1955 (page 3, paragraph h), which had in turn received the list from General Clark. The list of 2 June 1955 (Tab A) included, in part, definite allegations, and it is noted that the allegations concern security type information in five instances, allegations of "administrative conduct" in six instances, and eight names without any allegations or other descriptive data.

As I have advised you orally this Agency has made repeated attempts to obtain definite information whenever allegations have been made against our employees and has expressed the desire to fully investigate and resolve any case in which the security or integrity of an employee of this Agency is challenged.

The record in this regard is as follows:

- a. On 17 March 1953 I received an informal list (Tab B) from Senator McCarthy. Six individuals named on this list were not employees of CIA.

Action taken: Security investigation and research revealed no substance to the allegations pertaining to employees of this Agency. Summary of the results of the investigation are attached as Tab D.

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b. During the hearings on the security of the Government Printing Office in November 1953, Senator McCarthy stated that an alleged Communist in the GPO had access to secret data of CIA by virtue of access to classified material of CIA being printed in the main Government Printing Office plant in Washington, D.C. On 12 August 1953 a representative of this Agency informed the Staff Director of the McCarthy Committee that no classified material of CIA was processed in the main GPO plant, and that the only CIA printing performed there was routine unclassified material such as blank forms. Subsequently, on 22 October 1953 I officially advised Senator McCarthy by letter of the above stated facts (Tab 2).

c. During the closing days of the hearings by the Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations of the Senate Government Operations Committee, Senator McCarthy charged that he had information that CIA was infiltrated by Communists.

Action taken: On 7 July 1954 I requested Senator McCarthy by letter that he immediately make known to this Agency the substance of these allegations in order that they could be immediately investigated (Tab F). No reply was received from Senator McCarthy in response to this request.

d. On 7 January 1955, the members of the Clark Committee were briefed by the Office of Security, CIA, and invited at that time to present any names of individuals on whom derogatory information might have been furnished to the Committee.

Action taken: The Director of Security, CIA, orally briefed the inspection group of the Clark Committee on the security records of the following individuals whose names are included in the list (Tab A):



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e. On 15 January 1955, there was a press announcement to the effect that Senator McCarthy had turned over his files containing derogatory information on CIA employees to General Clark.

Action taken: On that same date, 15 January 1955, I dispatched a telegram to General Mark Clark requesting that he make available any information or material pertaining to CIA furnished him by Senator McCarthy in order to permit an immediate and thorough investigation of the charges (Tab G).

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c. On 21 January 1955, I wrote to Senator John L. McClellan calling his attention to my previous correspondence with Senator McCarthy, and requesting that any allegations concerning CIA contained in the files of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations be forwarded in order that appropriate investigation could be conducted. My letter of 21 January 1955 and Senator McClellan's reply thereto are attached as Tab H.

d. On 25 March 1955, I received a list of names from General Christiansen of the Clark Committee. This list did not contain any allegations. (Tab C)

Action taken: On 30 March 1955, General Christiansen was furnished by memorandum a summary of information from Agency files pertaining to the individuals named on the list. (Tab I)

e. On 12 May 1955, the Federal Bureau of Investigation received from General Clark a list of names with a request that an FBI investigation be made on each individual. A copy of this list was made available to this Agency.

Action taken: This Agency immediately advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it would cooperate fully in whatever investigation the Bureau might conduct, even though no allegations were made to the FBI against the individuals named in this list. The FBI specifically requested General Clark to make available any allegations in order that the FBI might be justified in undertaking investigative action. Inasmuch as no such allegations were furnished, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I understand, informed General Clark of the technical difficulties involved, after which General Clark is reported to have withdrawn his request.

f. On 2 June 1955, the attached list (Tab A) was made available. This communication is predicated on that list.

Attached hereto as Tab J is a summary of the current information in CIA files concerning each employee in the list of 2 June 1955 (Tab A). It will be noted that certain of these persons have never been employed by this Agency, and others so named have previously left our employment.

I am forwarding a copy of this entire memorandum to the Attorney General and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a request that investigative action be taken in any case where the nature of the allegation warrants investigative action under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. The following employees are under current investigation by this Agency, and their cases are in process of being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with investigative results of this Agency for whatever action is appropriate:

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I will inform your office, the Attorney General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the final results in each case where it has been determined that investigative and other procedures under Executive Order 10450 are deemed necessary. I am also specifically requesting that there be made available to this Agency any allegations or derogatory information on any employee of this Agency which may exist or which may come to their attention in the future.

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachments:

Tabs A - J

**cc: U. S. Attorney General
 Director, FBI**

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