

My dear sir!

I request that you pass the following to the appropriate authorities of the United States of America.

It is your good friend who is turning to you, a friend who has already become your soldier-warrior for the cause of Truth, for the ideals of a truly free world and of Democracy for Mankind, to which ideals your (an now my) President, government, and people are sacrificing so much effort.

I have consciously embarked upon this path of struggle. Many things have contributed to this. In my life, the last three years have been very critical, both in my way of thinking and in other things, about which I will report later.

I have thought long and hard. Now I have taken a mature and for me, a correct final decision which has impelled me to approach you.

I ask that you believe the sincerity of my thoughts and desires to be of service to you. I wish to make my contribution, perhaps a modest one but in my view an important one, to our mutual cause, and henceforth as your soldier to carry out everything which is entrusted to me.

You need not doubt that I will give all my strength, knowledge, and my life to this new obligation.

In presenting the above, I want to say that I am not beginning my work for my new cause with empty hands. I understand perfectly well and take into full consideration that to correct words and thoughts must be added concrete proof confirming these words. I have had, and do have now, a definite capability to do this.

At the present time I have at my disposal very important materials on many subjects of exceptionally great interest and importance to your government.

I wish to pass these materials to you immediately for study, analysis, and subsequent utilization. This must be done as quickly as possible. You will determine the manner of transmittal of this material yourself. It is desirable that the transfer be effected not through personal contact, but through a dead drop.

Again I request that you "relieve" me as quickly as possible of this material which I have prepared; this should be done for many valid reasons.

Your reply: Please inform me (preferably in the Russian language) through my dead drop No. 1 (see its description and manner of use) concerning the manner, form, time, and place for passing of the indicated material.

If you designate your own dead drop for my passing the material, please take into consideration that your drop should be able to contain material equivalent in size to the book, Ven Klaybern, by S. Khentov, published in 1959.

After you receive the material from me, it would be desirable to arrange a personal meeting with your representative during the second half of August of this year. We must discuss many things in detail. I request four to six hours for this. Saturdays and Sundays are convenient for me. You decide upon the place and manner of setting this up.

I will wait for your orders regarding the questions raised above, through Drop Number 1 starting from 15 August 1960.

I ask that in working with me you observe all the rules of tradecraft and security, and not permit any slipups. Protect me.

May the justice of the ideas and goals to which I am devoting myself from this day forward aid us in our future collaboration.

Always your

19 July 1960

P. S. My best, best greetings to my first good friend, Colonel Charles MacLean Peeke and his wife. Mentally I send greetings to my friends: Cotter, Koehler, Ditta, Beckett, Daniel, Glassbrook and others. I remember with great pleasure the time I spent with them.

I had planned to meet your representative and pass him this letter before 9 August 1960, but it did not work out.

Now, this must be postponed to 15 August.

*Subject typed the letter on a Cyrillic typewriter. He wrote in the American names.