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COPY OF LETTER RECD BY MR. DULLES FROM JOHN H. MAXSON,  
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Among the more interesting stories of espionage during World War II is that of the spy in Turkey whose German cover name was "Cicero". Numerous accounts have appeared through the years, all of them deficient in one respect or another.

I have maintained silence since the war and probably shall continue to do so. However, I am strongly tempted to fill in the published accounts of the German control, Moyzisch and of the spy, Bazna. I suspect that no other single individual actually knows the details and I do not believe that they can be gleaned from any former O. S. S. records.

I believe that I am still forbidden to make any revelations over my own name. However, many presumably unauthorized revelations have been made in the past. My own name and post was exposed some years ago in a book by an ex-O. S. S. member.

In 1953 I had occasion to visit and confer with my former British associates and to confirm the sequence of events which occurred. For part of their understanding of the affair they were dependent upon me. It was an episode which they would prefer to have buried and forgotten.

My own position in Turkey was, of course, delicate and sensitive. I had complete freedom of association with British Intelligence and with the United States Embassy. I had a limited intimacy of contact with Turkish Security.

I would appreciate your advice re continuing to maintain silence or straightening out the record. This latter could be either a publicized account or a confidential report to C. I. A.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John H. Maxson

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