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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I returned from a brief trip through the Caribbean and Central America area and wanted to advise you that I had both profitable and enjoyable discussions with two of your field representatives, Mr. John Wochter in Havana and Mr. John Speakes in Mexico. I have seen both of these gentlemen on previous trips and I am always impressed by their knowledge of what is going on in their respective countries and their obvious competence. It is also gratifying to note the close cooperation between our respective missions in these two countries.

I don't believe I have ever properly expressed to you my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of "Masters of Deceit." I am particularly proud to have this book autographed by you. But further, I took especial care to read it and believe that it will serve a tremendously valuable purpose at this particular time in our history when there is a general tendency to get closer to the Russians and forget the sinister element of Communism behind them. Many thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

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 Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
 Inspector General

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