

C O P Y

December 15, 1958

PERSONAL

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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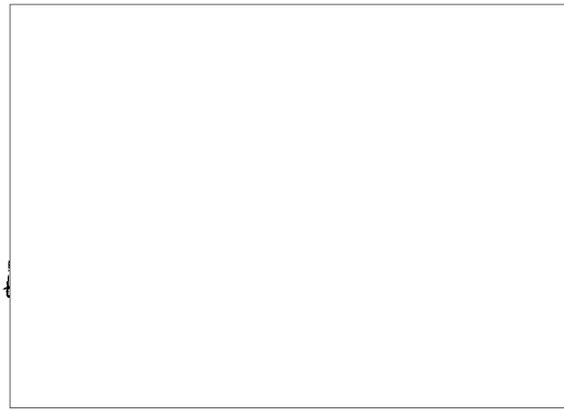
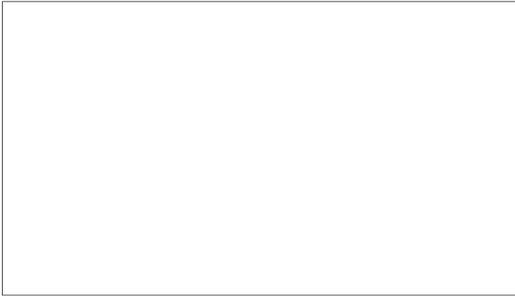
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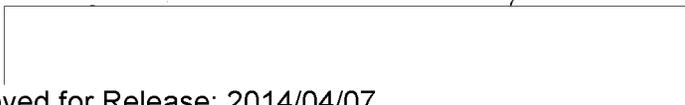
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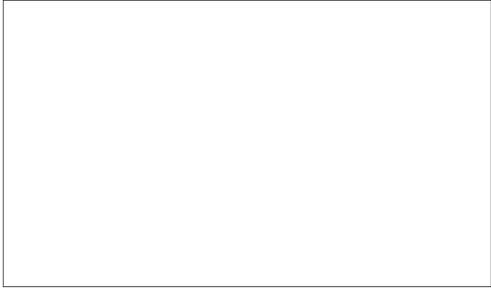
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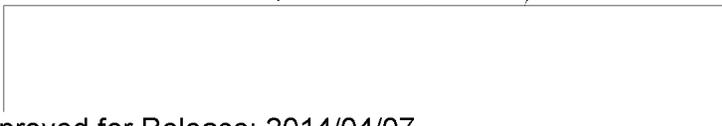
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2 January 1959

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Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT:

Giangiaco Feltrinelli;
Application for Visa to the U. S.

REFERENCE:

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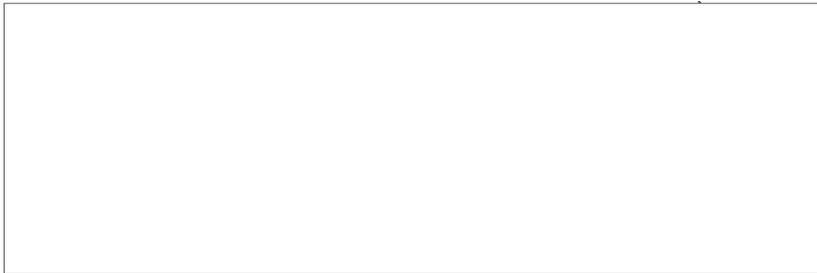
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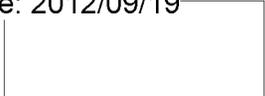
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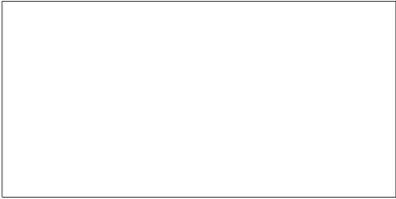
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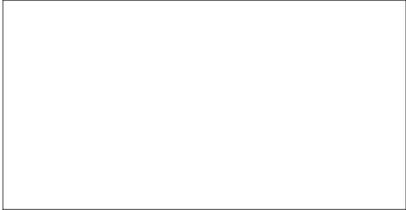
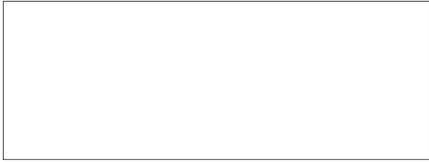
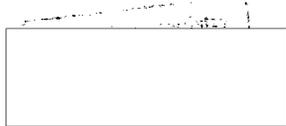
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Thank you so much for your note on behalf of our Italian "friend". I have since been informed that the gentleman has not even made a request for a visa. How strange these people are.

With warm regards,



With my wishes for the New Year



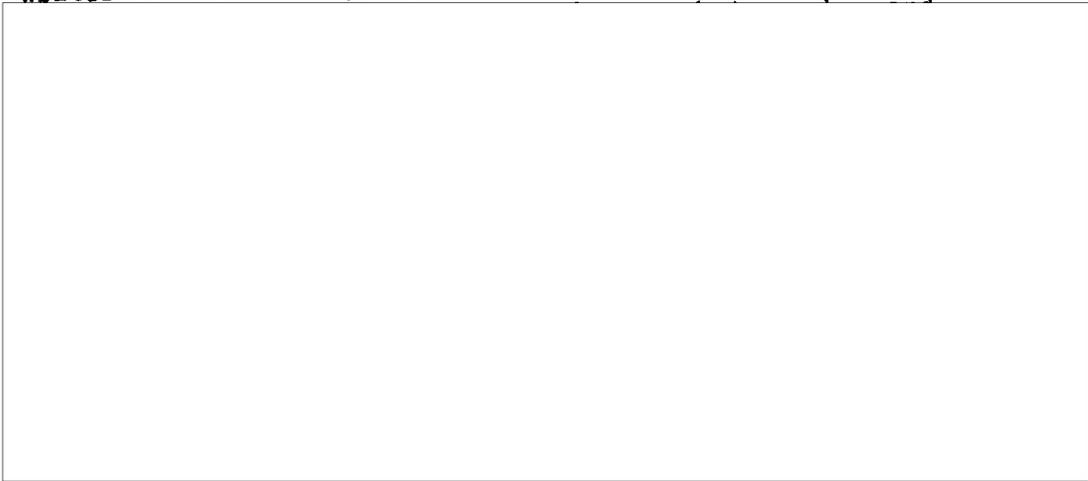
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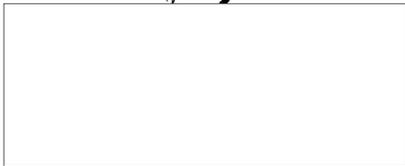
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