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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel
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21st and Virginia Avenue, N.W.

Dear Larry:

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I am enclosing herewith a letter which I am sending to [redacted] regarding an application made by a friend of mine, [redacted] for appointment to Central Intelligence Group. I am not sure that I have met [redacted] but I seem to remember having seen his name posted in North Building. [redacted] is a likeable chap who has independent means and is interested in making the intelligence service a lifetime occupation. During the war, according to my information, he served for a while with naval intelligence and later was a naval aviator.

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I believe they are now investigating his application and if the investigation is favorable, he will probably be called to Washington for an interview.

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Although I know you cannot recommend [redacted] since you are not acquainted, I thought if you happened to know [redacted] you might inquire regarding the status of [redacted] application and if any additional information is needed, I will be glad to be of help.

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When you are next in New York, be sure to stop in and see us. I had dinner Saturday night with Donald [redacted] and his French bride and we had an interesting time discussing some of our mutual experiences in E.T.O. and the Mediterranean theatre.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,
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