

Honorable Francis E. Walter
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Francis:

I have given a great deal of thought to your letter of

2 September 1960.

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The primary purpose of my telephone call to you on

2 September, was to thank you for inserting in the Congressional

Record the full text of my address before the Veterans of Foreign

Wars at Detroit on 22 August 1960. *off Dutch pointer* He was also to call attention to an

AP report of a statement which you made to the press on September 1,

and which was widely circulated ~~to newspapers~~ throughout the country

that "The FBI gave the CIA certain information which certainly should

have deterred the hiring of at least one of these two men," referring

to the two NSA defectors. The AP added "He declined to amplify."

X I feel sure that this statement was made on the basis of a misunder-

standing since it has no basis ~~whatever~~ in fact. No such information

was given to the CIA by the FBI, or by anyone else, and there was no

particular reason why it should have been so given since the question

of the screening of these two men for their employment was not a

matter over which the CIA had ~~any~~ jurisdiction or responsibility. *by NSA*

(Subsequently on September 7, 1966, the Department of Justice gave out the following statement: "Reports that the FBI had furnished unfavorable information to the Department of Defense of Mitchell and Martin prior to its employment of them are erroneous. The pre-employment investigation of these men was conducted by the Department of Defense and not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In response to the normal inquiry made by the Department of Defense in the course of its investigation, the FBI reported that it had no information in its files concerning these men.")

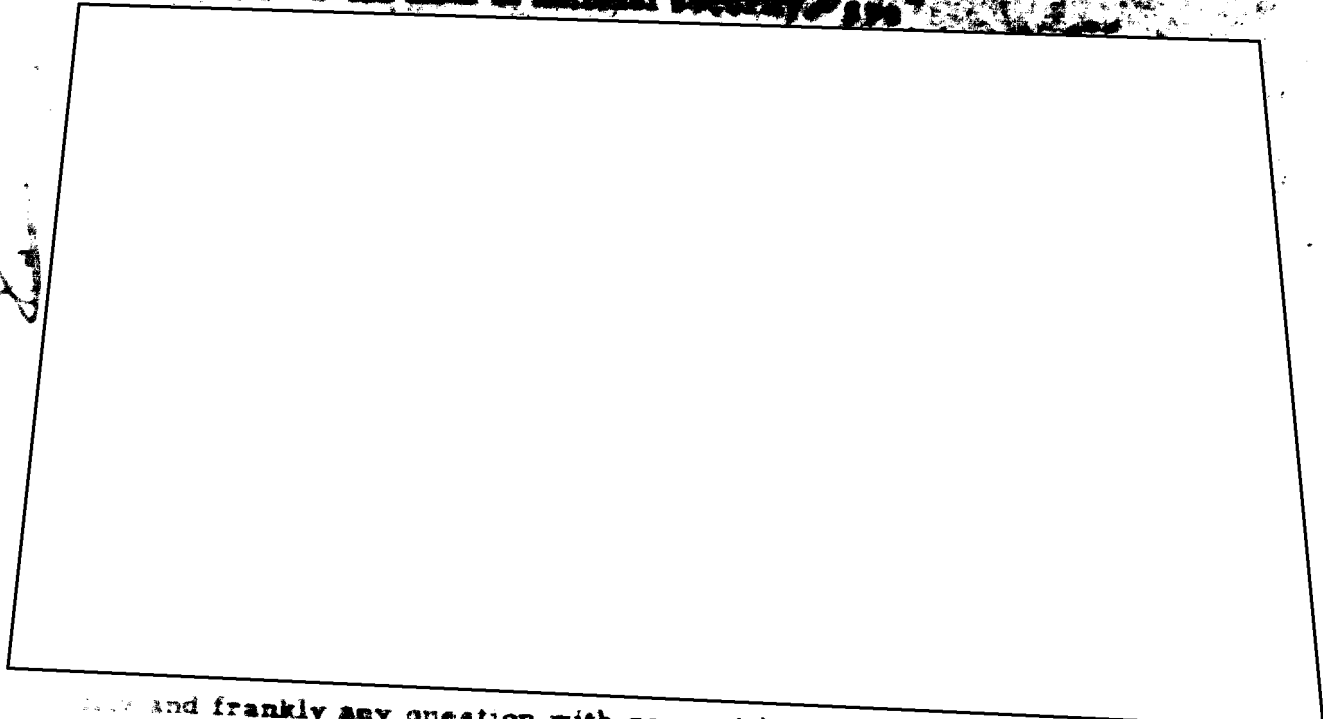
In my telephone call to you, I also expressed regret that ^{your} this statement was tied in closely to another statement attributed to you by the Associated Press that "The CIA will be the first target of inquiry" ~~which you described in your statement.~~

I ~~would~~ sincerely hope that you ^{would} find occasion to correct to the record as regards the prior furnishing of information ^{to} this Agency about the NSA defectors. I should welcome an opportunity to discuss with you certain other comments in your letter, rather than attempt to deal with them by correspondence. You and I have had many good talks together, and since we have both spent many years of our lives in trying to expose and defeat the subversive communist menace, it

stated in your letter regarding

is unfortunate there should be the misunderstanding which your letter indicates. There is one further point, however, that I would wish to clarify, ^{this} ~~and that~~ relates to the ^{CIA} reluctance of CIA to convey

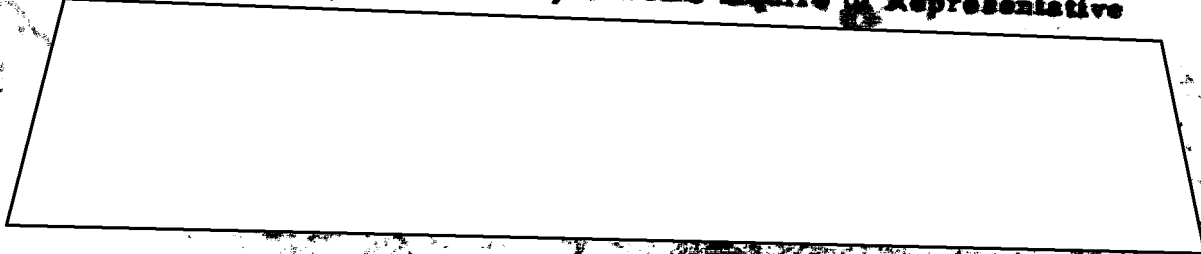
to the Congress any information regarding its personnel, as well as its activities in the field of national security. **ILLEGIB**



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and frankly any question with respect to any phase of CIA activities. I feel sure that if you would inquire of Representative

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~~And finally,~~ *I wish you*
Certainly I agree that there can be no monopoly
whatsoever in the mobilization and deployment of the resources of
the country in meeting the Communist menace. In my speech at
favorably,
Detroit, which I gather you viewed favorably I tried to emphasize
this viewpoint and the need for a far broader understanding of the
country of the grave issues which face us.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director