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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

Thank you very much for your note 1 August. I believe that your secretary probably told you that I called you in Washington last Tuesday as soon as I learned that your letter had come to my office in New York. I was only in Washington for two days and I was leaving for Norfolk about an hour after I called so there was no opportunity to stop by much to my regret. Next week I am going on vacation until September so I imagine we shall have to defer our discussion until then. I do appreciate your point of view and I am sure you know that, like you, my objective is the interest of the country.

I hope you will have a very pleasant time  and do not work too hard.

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All best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ HANSON BALDWIN

Hanson W. Baldwin  
(Military Editor)

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Dear Hanson:

I read with great interest your article in the New York TIMES of July 30th. When you are next in Washington I should welcome an opportunity to sit down and talk the matter over with you in more detail.

It just happened that I read the article after returning from two hours on the Hill with the Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, which deals with the Armed Services--not, as a matter of fact, on our appropriations as that is already settled for the coming year--but to go over our work in various parts of the world before the Committee members leave for the inspection trips abroad which many of them are making during the recess. This shows that there is more of the type of contact you advocate, and I favor, than is generally realized. Still there is undoubtedly room for improvement in Congressional relationships but possibly this can be worked out through existing machinery without a new formalized Committee, which has certain disadvantages I will mention when I see you.

In any event, I could benefit by your comments. If you can give me personally any information about "clucks" or joyriders that are with us now, it would be very helpful. Undoubtedly we have them but it is not always easy to find them.

I am off [redacted] on August 9th to be gone for the balance of the month but, if you are not in Washington in the meantime, I hope we can get together soon after I return.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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