

Bang-Jensen had a talk with Mr. Allen Dulles on 10 December 1957. At that time he did not indicate to him that he had any information about Soviet espionage or about Soviet agents he wished to divulge. During this meeting he did not indicate that he wished to have any further meetings with Mr. Dulles though he had ample opportunity to do so.

13 January 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in paragraph 4.

2. Mark Childs called regarding the story by Lyle C. Wilson, Vice-President and Bureau Chief of the UPI in Washington, which appears in the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS of today and which will appear in all the twenty SCRIPPS-HOWARD Newspapers. Wilson picks up the NATIONAL REVIEW story that Bang-Jensen tried vainly to see the Director on eight occasions over a period of several months to inform him of Communists within the CIA. He wants Senator Dodd to look into the question as to whether CIA has been infiltrated by Communist agents.

3. Mark Childs said that he considers Wilson a proper "S.O.B.." I told him I had always found Lyle to be an honorable person but I was amazed that this story which is based on what Robert Morris tells him and what NATIONAL REVIEW tells him. Mark says he would like to get anything we can give him so that he can rebut, without doing it directly, the Wilson article. I told him that we had made no comment on the NATIONAL REVIEW article, which is our policy--neither to confirm or deny--but he asked if I would speak to you and perhaps give him something that he can use without attribution to us to knock down this article.

4. My understanding is that you did see Bang-Jensen outside the Agency and that he had no names to give you of alleged Communists within CIA. If this understanding is correct, I would recommend that you authorize me to say to the UPI, to Mark Childs, and to all other inquiries a positive statement:

"Bang-Jensen did confer with Allen Dulles and he did not have any names of any alleged Communist agents within the CIA. Mr. Dulles authorizes me to say definitely there are no Communists in the CIA."

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