

10 October 1955

Honorable Alexander Wiley
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Wiley:

Thank you for your referral, dated 4 October and addressed to Mr. Pforzheimer, by which you forwarded correspondence addressed to you by Walter Melchior, Esquire, of Appleton, Wisconsin, concerning an indebtedness of [redacted] to the Central Intelligence Agency. As you requested, your correspondence is returned herewith, together with two copies of a letter we have dispatched to Mr. Melchior.

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Mr. Melchior, and [redacted] apparently were concerned that our correspondence with [redacted] requesting payment of the indebtedness may not be bona fide, since they were not written on Central Intelligence Agency letterhead and otherwise did not appear to be Government letters. My reply to Mr. Melchior I think will put their fears at rest and will enable them to understand and dispose of this matter.

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We shall be glad to furnish you any additional information or assistance. Please do not hesitate to call on me or Mr. Pforzheimer, who, however, is out of town until approximately October 24.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

CONCUR:

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/s/ [redacted]
Office of Security

/s/ [redacted]
Inspector General

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/s/ [redacted]
Finance Division