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THE WHITE HOUSE
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29 September 1962

Dear John:

As I move on from this assignment, I should like to thank you for letting me have the services of Tom Parrott over the past fifteen months.

His thorough knowledge of the organization and functioning of all parts of your Agency, and his broad understanding of intelligence and policy problems in general have enabled him to represent the Agency here in a way that has been highly beneficial to me and my office. Also, I am sure that the Agency has profited from his presence.

Tom has acted as my Executive Assistant for intelligence, counterinsurgency, and related matters during the period from July 1961 through September 1962. In these capacities he has advised Mac Bundy and me on general intelligence matters and on sensitive operations. He has served as the primary liaison link between the White House and me with the entire intelligence community. In addition, he has served as Executive Secretary of the Special Group and supervised the staffing of the Special Group (Counterinsurgency) operation. In all of these things his work has been outstanding.

In my opinion Tom is completely qualified for further advancement. He is able to meet senior government officials on an equal footing, and to conduct delicate negotiations on matters of great policy importance and extreme sensitivity. I feel sure that when he returns to the Agency he will be an extremely valuable member of your organization.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

Sincerely,

Maxwell D. Taylor
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Honorable John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Langley, Virginia

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