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Mr. Richard C. Patterson, Jr., Commissioner Department of Commerce and Public Events The City of New York 625 Madison Avenue New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your letter of 8 March inviting me to the luncheon that Mayor Wagner is giving for Secretary Hodges on 14 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I am planning to be away on a brief trip on that date and, therefore, must regretfully decline your kind invitation. However, your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this particular occasion is indeed appreciated.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Allen:

On April 14th Mayor Wagner will give a luncheon honoring Luther Hodges, the Secretary of Commerce, in the Empire Room of the Waldorf, 12:30 p.m.

I hope you will hold this date open, and if free to attend please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Patterson, Jr.

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles 2430 E Street Washington 25, D. C.