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Lt. General Charles P. Cabell
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
2430 "E" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pearre:

Attached is a list of Strategic Air Command's current intelligence requirements which we recently received from Jim Walsh, and which was discussed during your December trip with Mr. Dulles to SAC Headquarters.

I am passing it along for your information and the request that you take the maximum action you consider appropriate.

USAF review(s)
completed.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. SAMFORD
MAJOR GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

1 Incl
List (SAC Intelligence
Requirements)

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Major General John A. Samford
Director of Intelligence, USIAF
Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sammy,

In connection with the SAC requirements which you recently transmitted to me, our initial approach has been to review, on a sample or test basis, a cross section of our production and dissemination of reports. We naturally did not want to arrange any special coverage until we had gone over what is being done and the dissemination that it receives.

Our sampling effort shows that some reports are being produced which do not reach Strategic Air Command. [redacted] who has been concerned with this work, can give you the reasons which are varied. I am anxious, of course, to stimulate this flow where it is consistent. I feel now that our next step should be a review of the problem and the several factors with you.

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I will not endeavor here to go into a complete run-down of this subject. I am asking [redacted] if it is agreeable with you, to go over it with you and anyone else on your staff concerned. There are, however, two points which are of some special interest and which I believe I should mention:

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1. First, we have gone over the SAC requirements with care and we have difficulty in seeing how we can introduce them in their present form into the Clandestine Collection Program. As they are Air Force requirements the better approach appears to us for you and your staff to go over them, to restate them in the approved form, to weigh them in relation to the other Air Force requirements, and for your representative to put them forward for discussion in the IPC. Then they can be assigned the appropriate priority and operational effort can be directed to them by the clandestine organization. It seems to us that any other approach would to a degree circumvent the IPC. In making this suggestion I do not mean to recommend that SAC's requirements should receive a routine or casual consideration. I would anticipate that they would appear high on any List of Priorities. However, in order to achieve the most logical procedural arrangement it seems to me that your representative on the IPC should advance them which will permit the development of an integrated list.

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2. Secondly, it has been proposed that "Guidance Suggestions" and "Project Suggestions" be developed as a means of improving the shaping to Air Force needs of the reports produced in our Office of Research and Reports and our Office of Scientific Intelligence. These would be gone over by the project officers concerned as indicators of specific interest. I would particularly like to have your thoughts on this. "Guidance Suggestions" and "Project Suggestions" would not be completely binding but possibly would be of help to the producers by providing reference points and to the consumers by increasing the utility of the finished product. The "Suggestions" would be processed through your office and in cooperation with your staff.

As the next step, then, I believe it is desirable for [redacted] to go over this entire subject with you. You will hear from him in the near future.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Pierre
C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

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