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Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg
New War Department Building
21st & Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear General Vandenberg:

We are returning herewith your letter of 16 October 1946.

As you are aware, the Clearing Office prepares a quarterly report, "Foreign Transactions of the United States Government," containing summary data on the foreign programs of this Government. Information is collected by means of Budget-Treasury regulations and data on cash transactions abroad are required under the provisions of Budget-Treasury Regulation No. 4. The quarterly report of the Clearing Office is now classified "Restricted," but we have been able to protect confidential information of certain agencies by consolidating data on foreign transactions into a miscellaneous or general purpose classification, which does not reveal the nature of the transactions. However, we agree with you that the Clearing Office should not publish any data concerning your operations.

Therefore, your office is exempted from reporting under the provisions of Budget-Treasury Regulation No. 4.

Sincerely yours,

John Shirer, Director
Clearing Office for Foreign Transactions

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