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Mr. John Shirer
Director, Clearing Office for Foreign
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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce
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My dear Mr. Shirer:

The Central Intelligence Group has as one of its major responsibilities, the collection of secret intelligence. Such activities by their very nature must be financed by confidential funds and any information thereon which tends to disclose the location, the extent or the over-all magnitude of C.I.G. operations would be highly classified.

Budget-Treasury Regulation No. 4 requiring quarterly reports from each department, establishment or agency of the Federal Government which has cash transactions abroad is considered irreconcilable with the above mentioned functions of the Group. It is very desirable therefore, that a permanent exemption to these Regulations be obtained for C.I.G.

It is accordingly requested that your office undertake to obtain such exemption from the Interdepartmental Committee or such other authority as may be necessary.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

"SIGNED"

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