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Lawrence Houston, Esquire
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Re: Estate of Allen W. Dulles, Deceased

Dear Mr. Houston:

Now that Mr. Metzdorf has completed his appraisal of the books, papers and manuscripts, it is appropriate for us to address the question of what must be done with them.

With respect to the items belonging to Sullivan & Cromwell, Mr. Pierce has asked whether you can make appropriate arrangements to have these files sent directly to him.

With respect to the balance of the papers, I refer to your letters of July 8 and September 16, 1969, which, together, conclude that there will be no category of papers temporarily withheld from the estate by the CIA for security reasons. That original category, according to your later letter, was eliminated by separating out the government documents, leaving the balance available for distribution under Category IV.

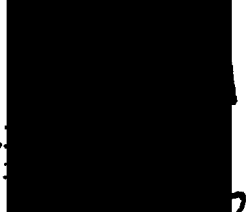
You have indicated that one final review of these files would commence last week. When that chore is completed, will it be possible to arrange to have those papers which you have determined to belong to the estate transported immediately back to the Dulles residence?

I take this opportunity to express, once again on behalf of Mr. Pierce and myself, our great appreciation for your understanding and cooperation in this delicate and complicated situation. Without your patience we have accomplished our ends as easily or in as brief a time as we have.

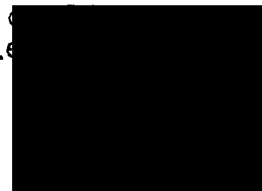
Sincerely,

W. Carter Bowles, Jr.

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