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Jim,

Here are copies of the  
letter I sent to Donnelly  
and which I spoke to you  
about. I know Carey has  
to agree to go ahead but  
it seems to me that now  
is the time to get the  
program underway.

Best Regards,

Bob.

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31 December 1986

William Donnelly, Deputy Director, Administration  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a letter that I had written for Bill Casey on the day he was hospitalized, but didn't send it as I did not know his condition or outlook for his tenure. I enclose it for you to review so that you may know the views of many of the retirees.

Although it appears as though Mr. Casey may not return, it seems as though he may greatly appreciate the Agency making all arrangements so that he could leave the statue as part of his legacy. As I have cited in the letter to him, I believe the procurement process was entirely in order to date and would continue to be in order if Mr. Anderson were to continue the job. In addition, under present circumstances if Mr. Casey does want to proceed at this time I believe he would get little opposition no matter who he gets to do the job or the manner of procurement, particularly if his departure is anticipated.

As Mr. Anderson has produced a model that Mr. Donovan's son and Mr. Casey thought was an accurate likeness and has offered to complete the job for no fee to himself, I would think there would be little reason not to go ahead. Of course, when the full size model is completed, Mr. Casey, Mr. Donovan's son, or others who knew Donovan well could critique it and Mr. Anderson could make appropriate modifications prior to the final casting.

Considering the progress that has been made to date, the original idea of Mr. Casey to procure such a statue and the conditions that exist at the moment I think it would be a fortuitous time to proceed with the project.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

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15 December 1986

Mr. Wm. Casey, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

This letter is in regard to the statue of Bill Donovan that you have been considering for the past several months. I recognize that your other problems are more important and that this is not a priority item, but I would like to get my opinion on the record.

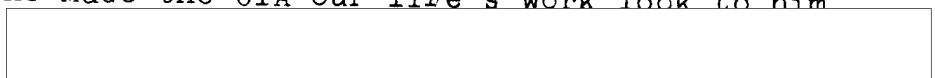
As I understand it Sam Anderson has gone through several iterations in developing a model that was satisfactory to you, General Donovan's son, and a host of others. Also, as I understand the situation there are currently two problems, 1) there is some concern because it did not go out for competitive bidding, and 2) the sculptor is not considered a "name sculptor" by the OSS group that viewed the last model.

It appears to me that from a strict procurement standpoint you have proceeded exactly according to standard procedure. Often sole source contracts are let for a prototype and later the final product is on a competitive basis. However, being an artistic procurement it is not quite appropriate to decide on the sculptor on the basis of the low bid alone. It would seem that the selection of Sam Anderson to finish the job would best satisfy all conditions; he has offered to complete the job at cost with no remuneration for his services and his model satisfies General Donovan's son. The final, full size model would also be available for a critique before the actual casting was done.

In regard to the second concern I am not too impressed with the comments and critiques of some of the OSS members who sat in on your last review as their position in the "pecking order" certainly would dictate that their direct association with Donovan was sporadic at best. I would therefore rely more heavily on his son and close associates in his law firm. You too must have a pretty accurate recollection of his appearance and character to judge whether or not the model was a true representation.

As to whether a "name sculptor" should be chosen, I believe there are other opinions than those expressed when the last inspection of the 2 foot model was made. General Donovan was not only the Chief of OSS, but all of us who made the CIA our life's work look to him as the founder of CIA.

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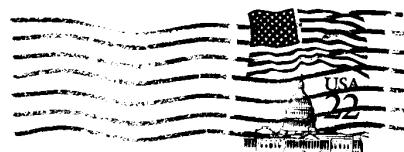
As those closest to General Donovan seem perfectly satisfied with the model rendition, and the offer of Sam Anderson to complete the work on a cost basis satisfies the legalities of procurement, it would seem appropriate that he be directed to complete the final work.

Very truly yours,

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