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The Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
Chairman, Senate Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator McCarthy:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 July 1953 in which you suggest that my letter of July 22 did not fully answer the inquiry in your letter of July 16 "concerning the explanation that [redacted] has made concerning his contributions to Alger Hiss" and, referring to your earlier letter, you state that if the reasons were not as indicated by you, you would appreciate knowing what reasons [redacted] now gives.

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In my letter of 22 July, I pointed out that the record, including your letter of July 16 and including the reasons given by [redacted] at the time of previous clearances by Loyalty and Security investigations, would be submitted in connection with the re-evaluation of [redacted] case under the President's Executive Order 10450 pursuant to directive from the Civil Service Commission, dated 9 July. I added that I believed that further comment on this point should await this review.

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After most careful consideration of your letter, I feel that the proper course to pursue is to follow the procedure prescribed in the President's Executive Order and, under these circumstances, I do not feel that it would be appropriate for me to comment on certain phases of the matter pending the conclusion of these proceedings.

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

Allen W. Dulles
Director