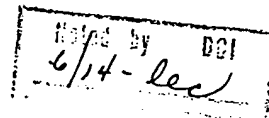


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(3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW)

13 June 1954

Dear Arthur:

Despite the Reunion festivities of the week end, I did have a chance to talk with Julie about the subject matter of your letter of June 8 and your subsequent telephone call and passed on to him one or two thoughts which might be of some use to you. I realize how complicated a problem this situation may present and my purpose was not to bring any pressure to bear, as I do not believe that this would be appropriate in a situation of this nature, but merely to point out for your own background information certain considerations which might not otherwise have been brought to your attention.

I have no immediate plans for being in New York but I shall certainly get in touch with you when I am next in the city.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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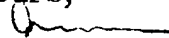
June 8, 1954

Dear Allen:

I would very much like to pursue with you that matter that you were talking about with Julie.

Are you coming to New York in the near future, and could you arrange either to stop in or for me to meet you someplace?

Yours,



Hon. Allen W. Dulles
3825 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W.
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