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Mr. R. Gordon Wasson  
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Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of 1 February inviting my attention to Mr. Joseph Buttinger of the International Rescue Committee.

I received a letter from Mr. Buttinger under date of 21 January with which he enclosed an article he had written concerning his observations while in South Vietnam. He also expressed in his cover letter certain viewpoints developed as a result of his observations there. A second letter from him dated 8 February remarks on the recent change in the attitude of the press on the question of Vietnam.

I have acknowledged Mr. Buttinger's letters, and am making arrangements for some of our people to talk to him.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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February 1, 1955

Dear Allen:

I call your attention to a man named Joseph Buttinger, of the International Rescue Committee, who lately spent eight weeks in Southern Indo-China and returned with a rather startling story of conditions there, startling by contrast with Joseph Alsop's reports. It would seem to me that your people concerned with that area might get his full story, and even perhaps, if he prove out, make use of him. He spoke at the Council on Foreign Relations last Wednesday or Thursday.

Joseph Buttinger can be reached at the New York offices of the International Rescue Committee, MURRAY HILL 2-4672; or at his home in Central Park West, ACADemy 2-0208. He leaves for Europe on Saturday of this week.

Sincerely yours,

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