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22 October 1953

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have recently read over the first printed volume of your hearings on "Security - Government Printing Office," and recall that at the time, the hearings began, the press published several quotations to the effect that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. Subsequently it was developed that this person was a Government Printing Office employee. In addition, the Deputy Public Printer, Mr. Cole, was quoted in the papers as stating to a reporter, in referring to the main GPO plant, that he could not say positively whether they handled CIA material, but that it was his belief that they could or would.

At the time these investigations were being conducted, I had a careful check made of our reproduction facilities and found that no classified CIA material is printed in the main GPO plant. The only CIA work which is handled there is routine unclassified matter such as blank forms. On 12 August Walter Prorzheimer, our Legislative Counsel, informed Mr. Carr of your staff of these facts. Mr. Cole informs us that these facts are correct, and in addition that he has submitted a statement of these facts to your Committee.

The press reports mentioned in the first paragraph have received widespread circulation both in the United States and abroad, and have raised some questions as to our security. Under the circumstances, therefore, I would appreciate it if you would include this letter in the printed hearings so that the fact that CIA does not have classified material printed in the main GPO plant is made a matter of record.

It has occurred to me that in the course of your investigations you may possibly run across information concerning this Agency or its personnel. Naturally, I would appreciate it if you would make such information available to me so we can take a thorough look at such matters.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Allen W. Dulles

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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7 July 1954



The Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy  
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

During the closing days of the recently conducted hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee you made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. In reply to a similar charge made earlier in the Committee hearings I denied such infiltration.

In the event that you should have any evidence in support of these allegations, it would be of the utmost importance that I should have an immediate opportunity to investigate them. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would let me have at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information you may have bearing upon the loyalty or integrity of any employee of this Agency. Any such information will be immediately investigated and appropriate action taken.

I have noted that you have indicated that you are making available to General Clark your material on this subject. Consequently I am sending him a copy of this letter and asking that he kindly advise me if the information which he may receive from you is of a nature to require any investigation on my part.

I feel that any unfavorable information regarding any CIA employee would require any immediate action and should not necessarily await the report of the Task Force.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) 

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

15 January 1955

General Mark W. Clark  
The Citadel  
Charleston, South Carolina



Dear General Clark:

The Press reports today that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy states that he gave to you yesterday information on "alleged communism and corruption" in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Under date of 7 July 1954 I wrote Senator McCarthy as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations referring to his allegations of Communist infiltration of the CIA and requesting that he make available to me any evidence he had in support of these allegations to permit an immediate investigation thereof. A copy of that letter was sent to you on 7 July 1954. I received no reply whatsoever from Senator McCarthy to this letter.

In the event that any of the information which Senator McCarthy now states he has turned over to you contains, as alleged, any indication of Communism or corruption in the CIA, I would investigate the matter immediately and thoroughly. Certainly such investigation should not repeat not await the report or findings of your committee some months hence. Action should be taken now.

Accordingly, I urgently request that you make available to me at the earliest possible moment any information in the material furnished you by Senator McCarthy which would permit an immediate and thorough investigation of the McCarthy charges.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
(Central Intelligence Agency)

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Jan 21 1955



The Honorable John L. McClellan  
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to call to your attention certain correspondence with Senator McCarthy as your predecessor as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

During the hearings on security of the Government Printing Office, Senator McCarthy publicly stated that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. By letter of 22 October 1953 I pointed out to Senator McCarthy that no CIA classified material is printed in the main GPO plant. Further, it was requested that information concerning this Agency or its personnel developed in the course of investigation be made available to me for thorough inspection. No reply was received to that communication.

During the closing days of the Army hearings, Senator McCarthy made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. On 7 July 1954 I wrote Senator McCarthy and requested that he make available to me at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information bearing on the loyalty or integrity of any employee of CIA. Although Senator McCarthy had publicly stated that he was "disturbed beyond words" by the alleged success of Communists in penetrating the CIA, there was no reply to this communication.

Copies of the aforementioned letters are attached for your information.

According to press report of 15 January 1955, Senator McCarthy made available to General Mark W. Clark information on "alleged communism and corruption" in the Central Intelligence Agency. As you will note from the attached telegram of 15 January 1955, I advised General Clark that if any of the information which Senator McCarthy had turned over to him contains any "indication of communism or corruption in the CIA, I would investigate the matter immediately and thoroughly."

I would like to renew my request that the Committee kindly  
make available to me any information it may have in its files on  
which it may develop in future  
on the CIA.

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March 7, 1955



My dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to your letter of January 21.

After hearing from you, I requested that the files of this Subcommittee contained the material on CIA be reviewed to determine the kind and type of derogatory information contained therein.

Unfortunately, it was found that those files were not in the file office of the Investigating Subcommittee, but were in the possession of the former Chairman, Senator McCarthy. Those files have been returned to the Subcommittee within the past week and I have instructed that they be reviewed. Upon the completion of this study, I shall again be in touch with you.

I regret the delay in answering your letter, but I am sure that you understand there are always certain delays when the Senate reorganizes.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John L. McClellan  
Chairman

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.