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Dear Mr. Ray:

This is the substantive response to your request of September 22, 1955, requesting the advice and guidance of the Central Intelligence Agency to help the Department of Commerce to determine whether the Department may declassify any or all of three named Amerasia documents for release to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee by the Department of Justice. I sent you an interim reply on 11 October.

The document designated as "Summary of Economic Information on Japan" as reported by Americans returning to the United States on the S. S. Gripsholm, August 25, 1942, bears no classification. From the point of view of the Central Intelligence Agency the documents designated as "Railway Transportation in Occupied China, Volume I, Parts I and II, Section A of Part III" and "Preliminary Economic Survey of Korea," both dated 1943, prepared in the Far Eastern Unit of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and classified confidential, may be completely declassified. Insofar as this Agency is concerned, the documents may be released to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee without impairing the national defense of the United States.

Very truly yours,

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