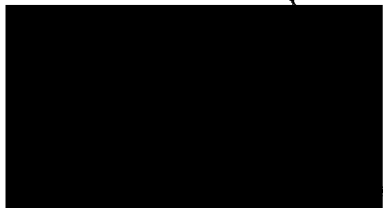


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Your interesting and thought-provoking letter of September 3, 1950 addressed to General Smith has been referred to my attention, since the General has not yet assumed active responsibility as the new Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The worthwhile program which you suggest should fill an academic need in helping to understand the Russian mind. The existence of integrated courses, seminars, discussion groups on the history, language, geography, literature, philosophy, and political theory of the USSR would certainly give support to our political science efforts in counteracting Communism.

However, the suggested undertaking goes far beyond the scope of responsibility for official comment or endorsement from an intelligence agency.

Sincerely yours,

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