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To:

Director

Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject:

ESTABLISHMENT OR STRENGTHENING

OF ILLEGAL APPARATS BY FREE

WORLD COMMUNIST PARTIES

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Reference is made to your letter dated November 27,

Permission is granted by the Bureau to utilize the information submitted in referenced enclosure in the form and under the security classification proposed by you with the following exception:

In the first paragraph under the heading "Proposed Version for Lisison" it is stated that "Since the 21st Congress of the CPSU several Free World CP's, including the CPUSA, have reportedly taken preliminary steps towards the establishment of an illegal apparat."

It is pointed out that we have no information that the Communist Party, USA, has taken any steps toward the establishment of an illegal apparatus, therefore, the above quotation does not appear to be completely accurate. It is suggested you may desire to amend the paragraph in question by deleting the phrase ..., including the CPUSA, ...

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