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3 Nov. 1947

Mr. L. A. Moyer
Executive Director and Chief Examiner
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyer:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 23 October requesting the strength figures of this agency by month, beginning with July 1947 and continuing in the future.

It has been a long standing policy, which has had the support of the Civil Service Commission up to this time, that no strength figures for the Central Intelligence Agency will be published, and that such figures will not be given out by this agency except to two specially cleared senior officials in the Bureau of the Budget who are charged with the handling of our budget problems. The Bureau of the Budget has also consistently maintained the security of our strength figures under all circumstances. As further support for our policy we have several times in the past arranged with committees of congress to withdraw requests for our strength figures after discussing with them our essential security requirements.

It was suggested by this agency to the representative of the House Civil Service Committee, who recently called for our strength figures, that the report to congress include a footnote that CIA strength is not included for national defense reasons.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for complete security in connection with the strength of this agency, which is the basis for not submitting the report called for.

Sincerely,

RS/

R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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