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Dear Cy:

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 1957 concerning the Committee's study of Russian area training and research in the United States.

Your letter was sent to the offices most directly concerned, and when Mr. John M. Thompson, Jr., visited us on 14 October he was put in touch with training officials who were able to answer his inquiries. I understand that their discussion covered the points of major interest to Mr. Thompson, and I hope that the information provided him will be of use in his study.

As you are aware, this Agency attaches great value to the university programs of Russian studies. We will continue to have need for people who are well grounded in this field. I trust that the recommendations resulting from the Committee's study will promote the further development of this important area of training.

Sincerely,

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