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The Honorable Everett Saltonstall  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

There is forwarded herewith a draft of legislation to authorize the President to appoint a Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from among individuals in private life or commissioned officers of the Armed Services.

Up to the present the office of the Director of Central Intelligence has been held by commissioned officers of the Armed Services as was authorized by law. No such authority exists for the position of the Deputy. This proposed legislation, therefore, would permit the appointment of such an officer and would in so far as possible free him from the outside control which would normally apply to an officer of the Armed Services and from any command functions except as may pertain to the office of Deputy Director. On the other hand, it provides that he would retain the military status and grade held by him immediately prior to such appointment.

This proposed bill has been submitted to the Bureau of the Budget, and we have been advised that they have no objection to its presentation to the Congress in its present form.

Sincerely,

*/Signed/*

Allen W. Dulles  
Acting Director

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