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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON

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Hon. Allen W. Dulles, Director Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Dulles:

With reference to your letter of February 27, 1953, we shall be glad to permit the use of the Department of Agriculture Auditorium for the period requested, the mornings of May 5 through May 8.

It would be appreciated if you will have the appropriate official of your Agency get in touch with the Chief of the Real Estate Division, Office of Plant and Operations, of this Department concerning the necessary details.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Ears T. Benson The Secretary of Agriculture Department of Agriculture Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Four times each year, this Agency sponsors a training course for its personnel. The total program consumes twelve hours and is conducted on four successive mornings. The presentations each morning are given by some of the top men in the fields of intelligence and national policy. In the past we have had the President and Vice President of the United States and persons of Cabinet rank.

Since we do not have the facilities to conduct this type of program, we have in the past requested the use of the Department of Agriculture Auditorium. I hope that you will be able to grant us the occasional use of these facilities.

in order to avoid conflicts the dates for our programs are set far in advance. Our next course is scheduled from the 5th through the 8th of May. We usually attempt to get into the Auditorium for approximately one hour on the Monday of the week when the program is being conducted. If our use of the Auditorium at this period is convenient to you, the details can be worked out with the designated official.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles Director

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