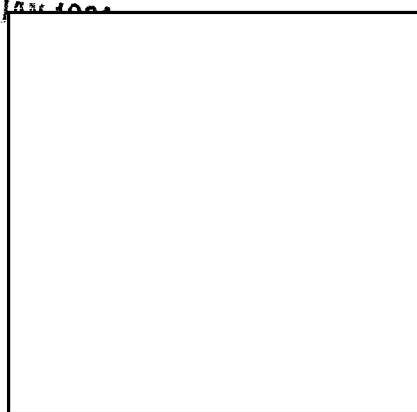


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26 JAN 1961



Gen. Graves B. Erskine, (USA (Ret.))
Assistant to the Secretary of
Defense (Special Operations)
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Erskine:

Mr. Dallas has asked me to acknowledge and
thank you very much for your letter of 23 January
concerning the performance of [redacted]
USA Reserve, while assigned to your office for his
annual tour of active duty for training for the past
three years.

25X1

We are pleased to learn from you of the work
done by [redacted] and appreciate your courtesy
in writing to us about this. Your letter will be
brought to his attention and a copy placed in his
personnel folder.

25X1

Sincerely

[Handwritten signature]

[Redacted signature box]

25X1

O/DCI/[redacted] bak(25 Jan. 61)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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JAN 23 1961

Dear Allen:

25X1 With the approval of your Military Personnel Office, [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] USA Reserve, has been assigned to this office for his annual
 tour of active duty for training for the past three years. He has just
 completed his last tour and it seems appropriate at this time to make
 our high regard for his performance known to you. [redacted] is an 25X1
 exceptional officer, and during these short tours has been of valuable
 assistance to us. His background and operational knowledge enabled
 him to prepare special studies for immediate use in connection with 25X1
 matters for which this office is responsible. [redacted] ability to
 initiate and follow through on research covering widely different areas
 is outstanding. Several of these studies were passed to appropriate
 staff elements in the CIA where they were well received. I feel that
 both of us have benefited from this special work done by [redacted] 25X1
 during his short tours in OSO.

25X1 I wish to commend [redacted] for his fine work and would
 appreciate your making this letter a part of his official record.

Sincerely,

Graves B. Erskine
 GRAVES B. ERSKINE
 General, USMC (Ret.)
 Assistant to the
 Secretary of Defense
 (Special Operations)

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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