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The Honorable  
The Attorney General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The issue presented in this letter is the following: Under existing legislation does the authority and responsibility to provide a headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency rest with the Director of Central Intelligence or the Administrator of General Services.

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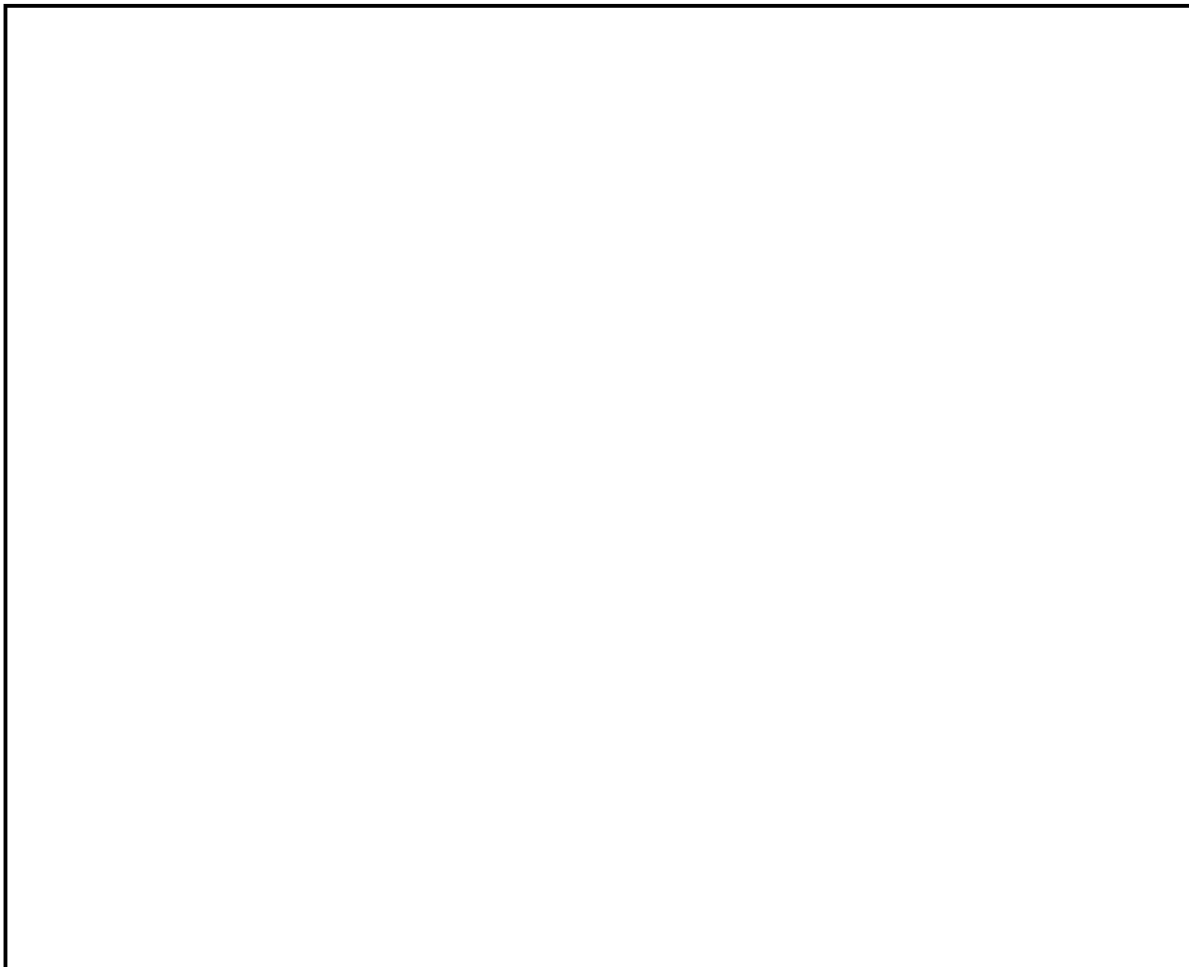


We had hoped that, in this work, we would benefit from the advice and assistance of the General Services Administration while retaining ultimate authority and responsibility, and we stand ready today, as we have in the past, to work out an arrangement with the General Services Administration along these lines.

Recently, however, we have obtained and studied a copy of a letter from the Administrator of General Services to the Bureau of the Budget, dated August 25, 1955, copy enclosed, which states that if a decision is made contrary to their position that, as a matter of law, they have the responsibility for design and construction of the building, they believe it would be better to remove the General Services Administration from any further participation.

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In a conference which we had on 14 October with the Administrator of General Services and Mr. Pauline F. Brundage, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in an effort to find a practical solution to the problem, Mr. Messore clearly reaffirmed the position stated in the above-mentioned letter. OGC FOIAB5



Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dallas  
Director

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Director of Logistics  
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General Counsel



**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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The legal phases of this matter are dealt with in the attached ~~opinion and~~ memorandum of law.



We had hoped that, in this work, we would benefit from the advice and assistance of GSA while retaining ultimate authority and responsibility and we stand ready today, as we have in the past, to work out an arrangement with GSA along these lines.

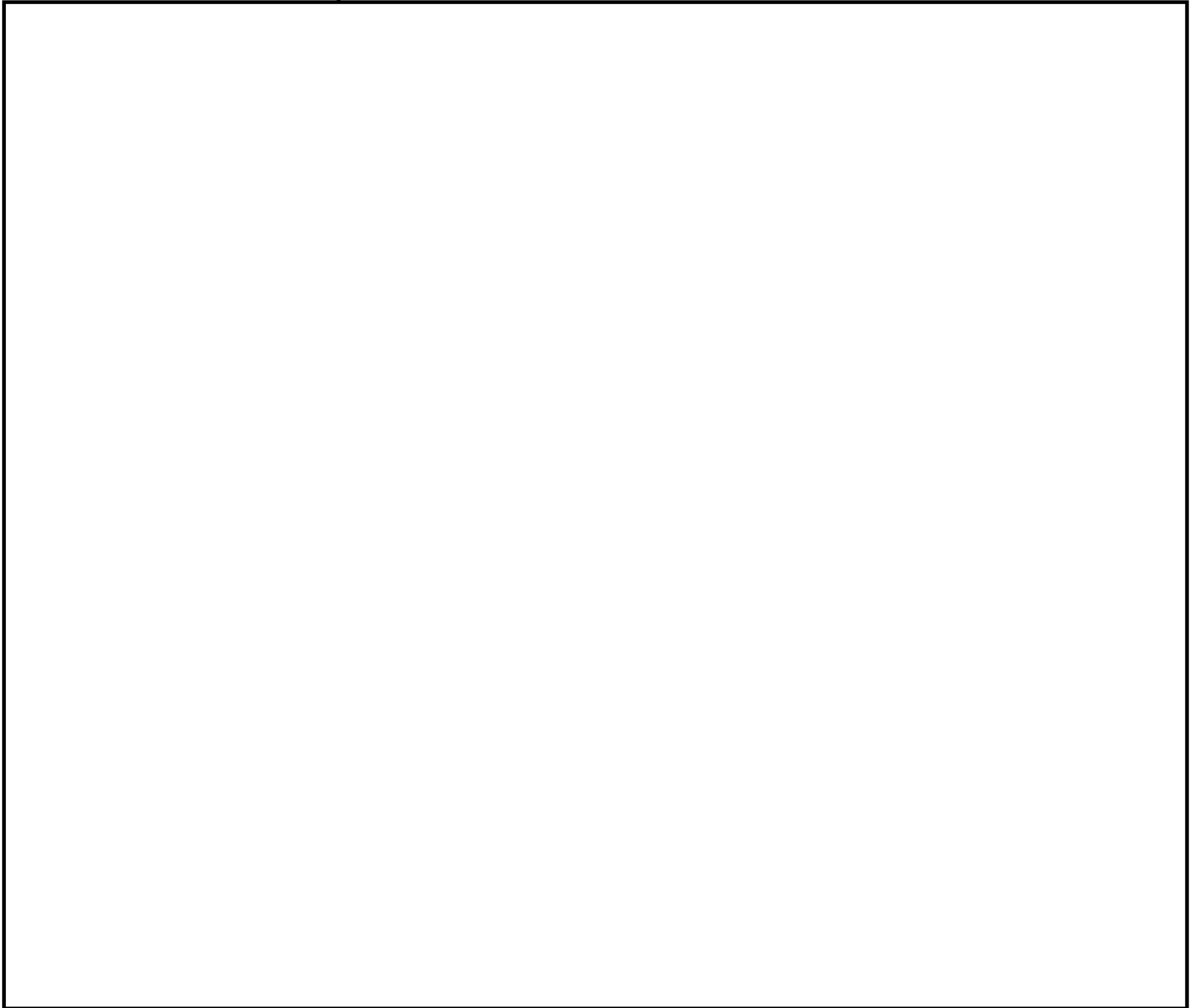
Recently, however, we have obtained and studied a copy of a letter from the Administrator of GSA to the Bureau of the Budget, dated August 26, 1955, copy attached, which states ~~in effect that unless~~ their position that, as a matter of law, they have the responsibility for design and construction of the building, they believe it would be better to remove GSA from any further participation.

*That if a decision is made*

In a conference which we had on 14 October with the Administrator of General Services, and Mr. Percival F. Brundage, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in an effort to find a practical solution to the problem, Mr. Mansure clearly reaffirmed the position stated in the above mentioned letter, ~~and left no alternative but to present to~~ ~~the problem of law stated above.~~

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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