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Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

In line with our telephone conversation and your subsequent memorandum of August 6, I am enclosing a draft reply to a letter from [redacted] for the signature of Mr. Gordon Gray.

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Executive Officer

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Draft of Proposed Reply to [redacted]

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Guilford, Connecticut

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of 15 July 1958 to the President has been referred to me for reply.

As I read your letter, I was both impressed and moved by the contribution and sacrifice which your family has made in the Armed Services. I can appreciate that the effect which the course of world events will have upon the future of this country and upon us as individuals is a matter of particular interest to you.

You asked whether we have in the Government any active form of intelligence, either Navy, Army or Air Force. We have all three.

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Central Intelligence presents to the National Security Council
important developments in the foreign field and he personally briefs
the President at such other times as may be necessary.

Although the exact timing of the Iraq coup was not foretold, this
Government was fully alert to the general area threat which faced
not only Iraq but also Lebanon and Jordan. You will recall that
within a matter of hours after the Iraq coup American forces landed
in response to the urgent request of the Government of Lebanon.

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Sincerely,

Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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