

Registry  
61-2296

23 MAR 1961

✓ card  
Mr. Joseph C. Holt

[Redacted]

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Dear Mr. Holt:

Thank you very much for the use of your top hat on the occasion of President Kennedy's Inauguration.

Since this rarely used item is missing from my own wardrobe, I am grateful that yours was available.

I have been informed that you intended to dispose of the hat, but perhaps its recently acquired historical value will gain it a reprieve and preserve it for posterity.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Distribution:

Orig. - Addressee (by hand o [Redacted])

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