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and
Mrs. Charlotte Miller



Dear Mrs. Miller:

Your letter of 5 September addressed to the President of the United States concerning the Powers incident has been referred to this Agency for reply.

Your thoughtful comments have been read with interest and we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your sentiments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed



Assistant to the Director

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Sept. 5, 1960

Dear President Eisenhower:

My son is an honorably discharged veteran who served under your command. Because I know the great hazards of warfare, and also the necessities for our defenses against ruthless enemies, I am writing to you.

Since the Power's U-2 incident, I have been grieved at the very thought, that we a Christian Nation, put into the hands of our boys "a suicide kit". Have we the right to condemn them to death, while they are engaged in doing our most hazardous jobs? Do not let me longer believe, that our God, in His infinite care and wisdom, can provide for them a rescue, or an escape? We don't believe in kamikaze, do we? Don't we know, that it is their unselfish, courageous lives - who's hairs have been counted by our Makes, which brings them to the Throne of Grace, and not death. Our mutual deep appreciation, and respect for their individuality, would give our Authorities a fresh view, and new approaches, to meet the demands of this hour in our National life. Mr. President, please remove that stigma from the plate, so that we may move forward with a fearless wing -

yours respect fully,
 Mrs. Elizabeth [REDACTED]