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10 November 1955

**The Honorable Herbert Brownell**  
**Attorney General**  
**Department of Justice**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Herb:**

The President is considering setting up a Board of Consultants to review the work of this Agency. This is along the lines of one of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission of which you are a member and which recommended a "committee of experienced private citizens who shall have the responsibility to examine and report" on the work of the Government's foreign intelligence activities.

The President has asked me to draft and submit to you for your suggestions a form of "secrecy" oath which we could appropriately ask the members of the Board to sign. Accordingly, I have drafted a form of oath.

Personally, I see no difficulty in this procedure as we always require a very similar form of oath from all of our outside consultants and any view you have on this subject would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**Allen W. Dulles**  
**Director**

**Enclosure**

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**SECURITY OATH**

**By virtue of my appointment to the Board of  
Consultants for the Central Intelligence Agency I will  
become cognizant of intelligence information of the highest  
importance to the national defense and security and of  
information pertaining to intelligence sources and methods.  
I do solemnly pledge my word that I will never divulge any  
classified information which I may obtain as a result of my  
work on the Board except to the President of the United States  
or such persons as he may authorize to receive such information.**

**Signature:**

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**(Date)** \_\_\_\_\_

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