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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, North West
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We are enclosing a list of those individuals who will be included in Allan Nevins' "Living History of the Critical Years: 1935-1960". Because your incisive leadership of the Central Intelligence Agency has strengthened the West in its struggle for freedom, you have been named as one of the key individuals who have helped shape that history.

The presentation will be made at The Research Institute's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria, Wednesday evening, April 27, 1960, to which you are invited as an honored guest. On that occasion we will commemorate the past 25 exciting years of our country's history and honor those like you who helped to shape America's destiny during this past quarter century.

It is appropriate for the Institute to emphasize this living history -- rather than its own growth -- because the heart of our work during these years has been to analyse for the business community the great crises, conflicts, growth, challenges and agony of our country.

More than 3000 of the nation's leading businessmen, labor leaders, educators, press and communication executives will be with us in the Ballroom; and a national television and radio audience will be tuned in to the event. CBS Television has already indicated its interest in covering this occasion with a special live TV broadcast from the banquet hall. A similar strong interest has been expressed to us by Time-LIFE.

The program of the evening will be a presentation of the honored guests on the unusually dramatic dais. All of them have one thing in common: their decisions, their actions, their lives, their particular role in a specific event, conflict, period or crisis of these 25 years helped shape the course of events.

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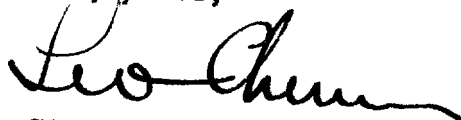
The flow of the history of our Republic is best seen in the sequence of great issues, stirring controversies and differences which are the steps on the ladder of growth of a free society. We are, of course, aware that some of those who will be honored on this occasion have been in occasional opposition to each other on isolated matters. But since it is our purpose to celebrate history and pay tribute to the American society, we will emphasize the healthy rather than the tensely emotional aspects of these controversies.

Each dais guest will be identified with the particular affirmative contribution he has made to our history and to our country. The text which will be used in introducing you and in highlighting your contribution to America's growth will be submitted to you for comment and suggestion.

We enclose a list of those persons who like you, have been invited as guests of honor on this occasion. We deeply hope that you will advise us of your acceptance of this invitation for the evening of April 27, 1960.

With warm personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Leo Cherne
Executive Director

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