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Mr. William Webster,
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Subject: Biography of Dr. William Montgomery McGovern (1897-1964).

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am preparing a major biography upon the life of Dr. William Montgomery McGovern, explorer to Tibet (1922-3) and the Amazon (1925); linguist (spoke 12 languages); professor of Political Science (Northwestern Univ. (1929-1964); OSS, under Gen'l William Donovan during WWII (1942-1945).

Dr. McGovern recounts a few of his experiences, as a member of the JIC and as the liaison between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Gen'l Donovan, in his book, Strategic Intelligence (Henry Regnery, 1961); but I would like to provide a broader chapter concerning his work with the OSS during WWII. I would like to request your permission to examine the official records in Washington, D.C., concerning Dr. McGovern's participations during those several years. Would I be able to obtain access to those reports and official records, for the purpose of the biography?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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DR. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY MCGOVERN : A BIOGRAPHY by James Willert

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