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General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Dear General:

You will recall that on recent occasions I have told you General DeGaulle persists in stating to both U.S. representatives and to representatives of foreign countries with whom he is visiting that he made specific concrete proposals concerning the organization and direction of NATO in August 1958 but was never given a reply. He undoubtedly was referring to his proposal for a three-power directorate of world affairs with which you are thoroughly familiar. As you will recall a comprehensive reply was given to him in writing. Furthermore it is my understanding that you discussed the DeGaulle proposal with him personally at Rambouillet and elsewhere and made a counter proposal to him, details of which you and I have recently gone over.

I have discussed the response to the DeGaulle proposal with Chris Herter, Livie Merchant and Andy Goodpaster and they all recall the facts exactly as you recently outlined them to me.

I assume that you will see DeGaulle in London or Paris. In fact, I hope you do as I believe you are the only man in the U.S. who can have any influence on him and can open up a dialogue which might pave the way to a better understanding. At least you might persuade him that his present statement that "the United States never gave him the courtesy of an answer to his letter," is not consistent with the facts.

Please consider this a personal communication between us as I have not discussed this idea with anyone here. I am sorry that I did not know you were in Gettysburg yesterday as I would have preferred to discuss this subject in person.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone

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