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Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your note of 25 November. You did not miss any pearls of wisdom by your early departure from the dinner the other night. Confidentially, I was somewhat disturbed at the futility of the meeting and I believe my views were shared by some of the others of us who came from considerable distances to attend the dinner.

Frank Wisner has had a very hard time of it, but during the past few weeks he has been showing very real progress and I hope it will not now be many weeks before he is out of the sanitarium. However, it seems most unlikely that he should accept the strain of going back to his old work here which as you well know is one of the most demanding and difficult jobs in the Agency. After a great deal of soul-searching and after consultation with Frank himself and with his full understanding, I am appointing Dick Bissell as DD/P, and [redacted] Tracy Barnes [redacted] to take over one major section of his work. With the team of Bissell, Helms, and Barnes, I believe we will have the best available leadership in that particular office.

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I am announcing these changes to the staff over this week end, but in view of the nature of that office, it is not being given any newspaper publicity.

I am sorry not to have seen [redacted] when he was in this country as I always enjoy talking with him.

Clover joins me in best regards to you both. Please let me know when you are next in Washington as it has been much too long since I have seen you.

Faithfully,

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