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Dear Allen:

Some few weeks ago you first talked with Julie Adler and then with me about a member of our staff on whom you had had some disquieting reports. You told us that Foster was also disturbed and requested us to keep the correspondent away from sensitive areas.

This I agreed to do because of my respect for your judgment and Foster's. I also know that neither one of you subscribes to the apparently growing theory in American life that a man is guilty until proved innocent. I know also that you are as disturbed as I am by the thought that government should exert any control over the press.

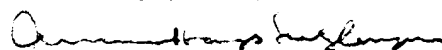
Let me hasten to add that I am entirely in sympathy with the course taken up to now. In my judgment, you could not have done less than you did and the steps you took were taken with discretion. We have no argument.

I think the time has come, however, for us to pursue the matter. It is fair neither to the individual nor to The Times nor, indeed, to you to leave any resolvable doubt unresolved. There should be no question about the loyalty of any member of our news or editorial staff. To date, there have been two instances, not including the present one, where the issue has been raised. In one case I had denial which convinced me; in the other, admission of early association but an attestation of reform years ago. Both men are now at work on The Times and I have the utmost confidence in them.

I mention this only to show you that the problem is not new to me. I am prepared to examine and then to take the risks of judgment. When can we get together and pursue the matter?

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,



The Honorable Allen Welsh Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

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