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The Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. C. D. DeLoach

Dear Sir:

Subject: KINGSBURY, John A.

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum dated 3 August 1951 from Congressman J. Ernest Wharton together with enclosures thereto.

This matter is forwarded in the belief that it is of interest to your Bureau. The writer has been advised that a copy of his communication is being forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

*Sheffield Edwards*  
SHEFFIELD EDWARDS  
Colonel, GSC

Assistant Deputy/Inspection & Security

- Attachments: (1) Copy letter from Congressman J. Ernest Wharton dated 3 August 1951 with enclosures  
(2) Copy letter from Director, CIA dated 14 August 1951

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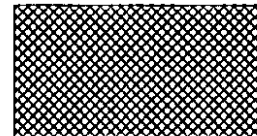
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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August 3, 1951

Re: Dept. - Central Intelligence Agency  
Kingsbury, John A.  
Woodstock, N.Y.

General Walter B. Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

Considerable sentiment is aroused in Ulster County, New York, in the vicinity of Woodstock, due to the repeated visits of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kingsbury who reside in that section, to the Soviet Union.

From the State Department I am informed that Dr. Kingbury's latest passport was issued in October 1950, and made no mention in the application of travel to USSR. As you know, unless cancelled for reason, passports are valid for a period of two years.

For your information I enclose two newspaper articles printed in The Saugerties Daily Post bearing on the matter.

In due course I would appreciate having a report from you so that I might properly reply to my constituents.

Cordially,

/s/

J. ERNEST WHARTON  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN

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P.S. Two additional newspaper articles, just received, are included.

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14 August 1951

The Honorable J. Ernest Wharton  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wharton:

Thank you for your letter of 3 August 1951 regarding the activities of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kingsbury, of Woodstock, New York.

As Mr. Pforzheimer, our Legislative Counsel, has informed your office, the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Congress) specifically provides that the Central Intelligence Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers or internal security functions. For this reason, there is very little that we can do in connection with the Kingsbury case. However, I have brought your letter to the attention of the appropriate persons here in the Agency so that we may be alerted in case any information regarding the activities of the Kingsburys in Russia should turn up.

In accordance with Mr. Pforzheimer's conversation with your office, I am forwarding a copy of your letter and its enclosures to the FBI.

Sincerely,

[ W. B. Smith  
Director ]

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