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Dear Dick,

I was asked to write you my impressions of our Committee and staff. It is quite difficult for me to give you a valid appraisal as to the effectiveness of the work of the Committee to date and the various personalities involved. I have the feeling that we are a little slow in getting started, but you are all too familiar with the circumstances involving this angle and can better judge for yourself.

As to personalities, George Greer is definitely a person who wears well. He is a man of genuine integrity who has intense zeal for his work and who thinks well. On the other hand, he is not too articulate and because of this near deficiency, he is not presently suitable for press conferences, radio or television appearances. Anyone can learn to do this and perhaps he will, but one could best paraphrase the whole situation by saying that he does not create a good first impression, that is, an impression comparable to his real worth. On acquaintance, however, he wears very well both as to his personality and as to his ability. I am not yet prepared to say that George is a true executive as I have not had the opportunity to judge him nor to see how well the program progresses. This judgment must depend upon time and our opportunity to observe his progress.

As to members of the staff, Mrs. Cross as secretary is outstanding. L. K. Little gives everyone the impression at first meeting that he knows his subject and that he is a man of integrity and action. He will be a great help. James Ivy presents a good appearance and I believe will be a great help to George in the administration of the office.

There are several additions to the staff such as Noble and Stewart and possibly Granville Woodward. I have told George that one of our primary aims in building such an organization is to be extremely careful to avoid taking on those people of limited ability who have drifted among various governmental organizations over the last twenty or thirty years, as we all know the woods are full of these and, generally speaking, they are not too effective. I am always fearful of building up a bureaucracy.

What we need most of all here is a head who is a man of known respectability and ability in the community, preferably one with connections and standing in the Far East, and one who can make a fine public appearance. Obviously, in setting up agencies or branches in other parts of the world, it would be most helpful to have the head of our organization meet with the local committees or individuals and hence he must be familiar with his subject and be impressive at the same time. This is a most palpable lack in our organization today and we should all endeavor to locate the proper person.

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With kindest regards.

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Dear Mr. Mason:

Another thought has occurred to me, and I am sorry I didn't think of this man while I was speaking with you.

Glenn Babb, of Bedford, Va., formerly was the Foreign Editor of The Associated Press. He left us two years ago, and has bought a weekly newspaper in Bedford.

Babb spent a great many years in the Orient. He was a correspondent for us in Peking and Shanghai in the early 30's, and was head of our office in Tokyo for something like 7 years, if my memory is correct. He then came home to head the foreign desk. He is a little older than any other of the names I gave you, but a powerhouse even so. Whether you can lure him out of that pastoral retreat I don't know. In any case, I would strongly recommend him.

Please feel free to use my name if you have occasion to talk with any of the people I mentioned.

PS. He has been back to the Orient since the end of the war. RM

Sincerely,
R. Morin

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions

1. As a covert staff agent of [redacted], you are assigned to the position of Acting Chief, Editorial Branch of DEPTILLAR, a [redacted] proprietary organization.
2. You will receive instructions concerning the duties which you will be required to perform in your assigned position from the President of DEPTILLAR and will cooperate with him in assuring that the activities of DEPTILLAR are consonant with the purposes for which that organization is established and with QKCIGAR policy.
3. You will bear in mind that, as a covert agent in an organization which will employ persons unwitting as to the origin of DEPTILLAR, you are particularly charged with the responsibility of maintaining the security of DEPTILLAR and assuring that the connection between DEPTILLAR and BRIGGSPAIN or QKCIGAR is at no time disclosed to unauthorized persons within the organization or without.
4. You are cautioned that you must take particular care to assure that any public comments which you may make concerning the announced QKCIGAR policies with respect to [redacted] are not such as to discredit those policies or to embarrass officials of QKCIGAR.

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