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TO : C J
FROM : Mr. Carlson

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SUBJ.: Informing of the new trainee of the "15 Jan. news".

Ref.: Briefing received on Feb. 16, 1955.

I am wondering whether the decision, not to inform the new trainee of the special information dated 15 Jan., is the very best one.

The new trainee knew one or both of the men mentioned in the 15 Jan. news. He knew what they were going for. He might like to build some of his own planning on the knowledge that his friends are there or were there. Therefore it would be but normal that he once will ask somebody about the two men.

It is not impossible that he has learned of the news already, although this seems not to be so.

It is well possible that he will learn of it from the second man when this ^{one} will arrive.

The situation would be the worst if he will learn of the tragedy from his contacts in field. This could easily break even a good man, because he will learn then that he or his determination was not trusted by the Authorities here, and this bad news might influence his state of mind which will be under great strain already by the mere fact of being in the enemy's sphere of reach.

The earlier he would be informed of what has happened, the more time he would have to overcome the shock of this knowledge,

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