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31 OCT 1949

Mr. E. A. Waters
 Dean, The Graduate School
 University of Tennessee
 Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Waters:

[redacted], chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's New Orleans office, has given me your letter of 11 October 1949 to [redacted] also of the New Orleans office, and has advised me that he already has replied to that letter.

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I readily can understand your hesitancy in releasing valuable classified information to a man whom you do not know. Your caution is a quality we appreciate. The release of information to non-authorized individuals could be detrimental to the United States Government, as you realize.

In this case, however, you need have no hesitancy. [redacted] is an accredited representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, which has been authorized by the National Security Council to collect foreign intelligence information for the United States Government, within the United States, on behalf of other federal agencies. The Agency also is charged with the responsibility of protecting the identity of sources of intelligence who co-operate with it.

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I trust that the above information, in addition to that which [redacted] already has provided, will prove sufficient to reassure you, and that Central Intelligence Agency, through [redacted] may count on your assistance.

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Sincerely,

~~Signed~~ - VIA ER 10/31/49.

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
 REAR ADMIRAL, USN
 DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Chief, Contact Division

17 October 1949

Chief, New Orleans Office

Inquiry from Dean, Graduate School, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

1. We have a problem which we believe can be solved only by Headquarters. The attached letter was received on 13 October from Dr. E. A. Waters, Dean of the Graduate School of The University of Tennessee at Knoxville, in reply to our letter sending him a list of questions to be submitted to a member of his faculty.

2. At the time [redacted] was in Knoxville, he was introduced by a close personal friend to Dr. C. E. Brehm, President of the University, to whom he displayed his credentials. As a result of this meeting, Dr. Brehm was most cooperative and introduced him to various members of the faculty, including Dr. Waters, Dean of the Graduate School, who was most courteous and promised his full cooperation.

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3. This is the first time in our experience that we have had a contact or source question our authority to act for CIA. However, we cannot criticize Dr. Waters for being cautious, but on the contrary feel that he is absolutely correct in wanting to be sure that he does not disclose such information to an unauthorized person.

4. We have replied to Dr. Waters calling his attention to the fact that [redacted] had shown him his credentials and that, in addition, his personal integrity could be vouched for by Mr. Frank Creekmore, a prominent lawyer in Knoxville, who is a very close personal friend of [redacted]. We have also told Dr. Waters that we would pass his letter on to Headquarters in Washington in the hope that some solution could be found.

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5. We would appreciate receiving your advice as to how the matter should be handled.

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Attachment

1-Copy of ltr. dtd. 11 Oct 49.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
KNOXVILLE 16, TENNESSEE

0-7226

October 11, 1949



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I have your letter of September 27, 1949, and your attached list of questions for the attention of Dr. Lichstein. I am writing to explain the extremely difficult position I find myself in with respect to supplying information of such fundamental significance as that called for. You will understand that the University and all of its members are anxious to collaborate in any effort for the general welfare and well being of our country. This same concern makes it especially important that information supplied by the University is released only to individuals and organizations properly authorized. This is not to suggest any personal mistrust on my part or on the part of the University of your authorization to receive the information requested. However, I feel it would be only proper for me to ask that I have in my files some official statement of authorization before releasing the information requested.

I hope and feel sure that you will not misunderstand my position in this matter. My only purpose is to insure the release of information only through properly authorized channels and that I be able to document the fact at any time in the future that I have not improperly supplied information. I hope that you can advise and assist me in this matter and that the information requested can be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. A. Waters
E. A. Waters
Dean

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