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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have recently read over the first printed volume of your hearings on "Security - Government Printing Office," and recall that at the time, the hearings began, the press published several quotations to the effect that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. Subsequently it was developed that this person was a Government Printing Office employee. In addition, the Deputy Public Printer, Mr. Cole, was quoted in the papers as stating to a reporter, in referring to the main GPO plant, that he could not say positively whether they handled CIA material, but that it was his belief that they could or would.

At the time these investigations were being conducted, I had a careful check made of our reproduction facilities and found that no classified CIA material is printed in the main GPO plant. The only CIA work which is handled there is routine unclassified matter such as blank forms. On 12 August Walter Prorzheimer, our Legislative Counsel, informed Mr. Carr of your staff of these facts. Mr. Cole informs us that these facts are correct, and in addition that he has submitted a statement of these facts to your Committee.

The press reports mentioned in the first paragraph have received widespread circulation both in the United States and abroad, and have raised some questions as to our security. Under the circumstances, therefore, I would appreciate it if you would include this letter in the printed hearings so that the fact that CIA does not have classified material printed in the main GPO plant is made a matter of record.

It has occurred to me that in the course of your investigations you may possibly run across information concerning this Agency or its personnel. Naturally, I would appreciate it if you would make such information available to me so we can take a thorough look at such matters.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Allen W. Dulles

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Director