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The Honorable John L. McClellan
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to call to your attention certain correspondence with Senator McCarthy as your predecessor as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

During the hearings on security of the Government Printing Office, Senator McCarthy publicly stated that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. By letter of 22 October 1953 I pointed out to Senator McCarthy that no CIA classified material is printed in the main GPO plant. Further, it was requested that information concerning this Agency or its personnel developed in the course of investigation be made available to me for thorough inspection. No reply was received to that communication.

During the closing days of the Army hearings, Senator McCarthy made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. On 7 July 1954 I wrote Senator McCarthy and requested that he make available to me at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information bearing on the loyalty or integrity of any employee of CIA. Although Senator McCarthy had publicly stated that he was "disturbed beyond words" by the alleged success of Communists in penetrating the CIA, there was no reply to this communication.

Copies of the aforementioned letters are attached for your information.

According to press report of 15 January 1955, Senator McCarthy made available to General Mark W. Clark information on "alleged communism and corruption" in the Central Intelligence Agency. As you will note from the attached telegram of 15 January 1955, I advised General Clark that if any of the information which Senator McCarthy had turned over to him contains any "indication of communism or corruption in the CIA, I would investigate the matter immediately and thoroughly."

I would like to renew my request that the Committee kindly
make available to me any information it may have in its files on
which it may develop in future
on the CIA.