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Dear Tommy:

I hope you will forgive me for a somewhat tardy response to your letter of 4 November but I imagine that you must have some inkling of recent changes which have imposed on all of us a rather heavy burden of urgent work to be done. Please note, in this connection, the change in name of the Agency.

As soon as your letter about J. J. Wolf arrived I asked Dr. Campaigne to look into the matter. Dr. Rigby had already requested some help and suggested that we check the possibility of obtaining a waiver for Wolf in the matter of his lack of meeting the minimum height for a commission in the Naval Reserve. Dr. Campaigne called the Office of Naval Officer Procurement and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to inquire about the possibilities of, and procedures for, obtaining waivers in such cases. He was told that the final decision was made by the Chief of Naval Personnel and the suggestion was made that a letter from Dr. Rigby to the Chief of Naval Personnel might prove helpful. Dr. Campaigne had the impression that such waivers were occasionally granted and suggested to Dr. Rigby that he write such a letter, which was done. Thus far we have heard nothing further and I learned just recently that Dr. Rigby will be out of town for about three weeks.

In this connection I might add that I thought I would sort of sound Dr. Rigby out to ascertain the possibility of his giving Wolf a release to join our Agency in the immediate future, in a civilian capacity, and in a position for which he is well qualified. Then, if and when he were drafted, we might be in a good position to guide his assignment after his basic training. On his return to Washington, I shall see what answer Dr. Rigby gives to this suggestion and will communicate further with you. In the meantime I am returning Mr. Wolf's letter to you, since it is addressed to you.

With cordial greetings,

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Sincerely,

M/R: Self-explanatory.

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