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Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E Street N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Attention: Mr. H. D. Sheldon

The statute establishing the Office of Defense Mobilization provides for the appointment by the President and confirmation by the Senate of a Deputy Director.

The person occupying this position is Mr. Victor E. Cooley formerly Chairman of the Board of the Southwest Bell Telephone Company.

In view of the fact that there are times when I am out of the city, I would appreciate it very much if Mr. Cooley could be given a communications intelligence clearance so that it would be possible for him to receive information in my absence.

Sincerely yours, (SIGNED)

Arthur S. Flemming Director