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Major General C. P. Cabell  
 Director of Intelligence  
 HQ, United States Air Force  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Pearce:

As you well know, the question of low-level intercepts produced by foreign intercept units under the operational control and guidance of U.S. agencies in Korea, is still moot. General Pevest was over from Korea a few days ago and was most emphatic concerning the need for better and wider exploitation of tactical information obtainable by this means.

General Canine and Colonels Hetherington and Bassett, who are presently making a tour of all intercept facilities out here, were in my office this morning and the subject was brought up and discussed. General Canine stated that the matter was under consideration in Washington and that a draft policy or regulation had been drawn up but that there were basic and fundamental differences of opinion as to the solution for categorizing intercept material.

I would like to stress the importance with which this matter is regarded here and to ask that every effort be made to expedite the issuance of a policy for segregating this type of traffic from that of the higher level U.S. COMINT material. In the event any specific supporting information or data from here may be helpful to you in breaking this particular "log-jam," I will be glad to get it together.

Sincerely,

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