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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Col. Douglass:

The 1947 appropriation for the intelligence work of the State Department is now before the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of State originally requested an appropriation of over \$5,000,000, which the Bureau of the Budget then cut down to about \$4,200,000. There was a rumor in the press last week that the Appropriations Committee might make a further drastic cut and might even eliminate the intelligence appropriation entirely.

The Director of Central Intelligence has recently expressed his concern for the continuance in the State Department of a strong intelligence unit. That would not be possible if a drastic cut in the appropriation were made, and I am therefore drawing your attention to the matter, with the suggestion that you obtain the views of the Intelligence Advisory Board as to whether a recommendation by the National Intelligence Authority in support of the program of the Secretary of State might not be in order.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ ALFRED MCCORMACK

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