20 Jan 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

In reply to your letter dated 8 January 1947, Subject: "applicant Investigations Central Intelligence Group", I wish to advise that OIG fully appreciates the extra volume of personnel investigations which you have been asked to handle.

I fully understand the necessity for increasing the time required for completing investigations to one month, and may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the cooperation which we have received in this connection.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

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Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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Attention: Colonel William H. Harris

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: APPLICANT INVESTIGATIONS CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Reference is made to the conversation of January 6, 1946, between Colonel William H. Harris, and Lieutenant Colonel Claude D. Barton of the Central Intelligence Group and Mr. C. C. Callan of this Bureau. When arrangements were made between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Group for this Bureau to conduct inquiries concerning persons under consideration for employment by CIS, it was understood that these investigations would be referred to this Bureau at the rate of approximately one hundred a month.

On that basis, it was contemplated that they would be completed in approximately two weeks. Since the inception of the program, the number of cases referred to us have averaged almost twice this number.

In view of the fact that the number of investigations is considerably more than was originally contemplated, it is suggested, as mentioned by Mr. Callan to Colonel Harris, that the original arrangement be changed to provide that these investigations will be completed and the Central Intelligence Group advised of the results within thirty days after receipt of the requests to conduct the investigation by this Bureau. It is felt that such an arrangement would constitute a much more practical basis of relationship between the Central Intelligence Group and the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning this matter.

Your comments concerning this suggestion would be greatly appreciated.

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