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April 15, 1959

INFORMATION OBTAINED REGARDING DISCUSSION BETWEEN LEADING COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FUNCTIONARY AND MAO TSE-TUNG, CHAIRMAN, COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

During the course of a recent visit to Red China a leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, conferred at length with Mao Tse-tung. During this conversation Mao referred to the following incidents which he described as diplomatic defeats suffered by the U. S. during the past 14 months:

1) Venezuela in the early part of 1958.

2) Vice President Nixon's visit to Latin-American countries in May, 1958, and the violent reaction of the people.

3) The revolution in Iraq in July, 1958.

4) The landing of U. S. troops in Lebanon and their subsequent withdrawal.

5) The situation at Quemoy which compelled the U.S. to weaken the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean area in order to bolster the 7th Fleet in Taiwan waters.

6) The defeat of the Republican party in the November, 1958, elections.

7) The internal split in NATO.

8) The Berlin situation.

9) The Cuban revolution.

10) The struggle for independence in Africa particularly in the Belgian Congo and Leopoldville.

Mao stated that U.S. imperialism should not be overestimated as being all-powerful and all-dominant. He continued that its weakness lies in its being spread so widely throughout the world. According to Mao, this widely spread sphere of influence means that U.S. imperialism is approaching its death.

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In discussing Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Mao stated that the Chinese hope he will not be replaced because of his illness. According to Mao, Mr. Dulles is a predictable man with full knowledge and a deep understanding of his role in U.S. imperialism.

Mao continued that Mr. Dulles is a man of his word and because he lives up to his code he has helped the Chinese very much. In this regard Mao stated that at first the Chinese had some problems in the organization of communes. However, when Mr. Dulles opposed the communes he practically assured their success since his remarks were quoted to the Chinese people and the initial organizational obstacles were overcome. Mao stated that the people of China are now organized and that communes will continue to be a permanent feature in China. He stated that although at the moment the Chinese people are poor and the cultural level is not too high the communes will eventually overcome poverty and raise the cultural level. He stressed the fact that at first the Soviet Union was not in full agreement with the Chinese regarding the communes but subsequently realized this mistake and is now in complete agreement with respect to the communes.

At the end of the interview Mao discussed the Communist Party, USA, and said that in defeating revisionism it had become a strong party. He stated that the English and French bourgeoisie are not afraid of their Communist Parties because they know and understand the role of the Communist Party and act accordingly. Mao described this as a sign of strength. He continued that the U.S. is afraid of the Communist Party because it does not understand its role and, therefore, because of this weakness, the U.S. is approaching its last stage.

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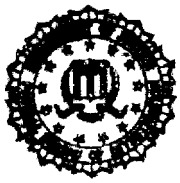

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April 15, 1959

BY COURIER SERVICE

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

With regard to my communication of April 13, 1959, concerning recent discussions between a leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, and high-ranking officials in Red China, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed memorandum. This memorandum contains additional information about a discussion between the afore-mentioned Communist Party, USA, functionary and Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Communist Party of China. This data was obtained as a result of our over-all coverage of the Communist Party, USA.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of certain of the sources of our information, it is requested that the contents of this communication be afforded the most careful security and its use restricted to a need-to-know basis.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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VIA LIAISON

18 APR 1959

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I want to thank you for your letter of 15 April and the enclosure concerning the discussion between [redacted]

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I have read it with interest and have also forwarded it to some of my experts here on a need-to-know basis.

Your courtesy in bringing this to my attention is indeed appreciated.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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