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Mr. J. E. Trainer
Executive Vice President
The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company
Akron 17, Ohio

Dear ~~Mr. Trainer~~ Ed:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter regarding my appointment to the Directorship of the CIA.

I am indeed honored that the President has called upon me to fill this important post and will do all in my power to justify this confidence.

Sincerely,

/s/ John

John A. McCone

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October 10, 1961

Mr. John A. McCone

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Dear John:

I have just returned from a three-week trip abroad, where I visited France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. While there, I noticed in the Paris edition of the "Herald Tribune" an announcement of your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to succeed Allen Dulles.

It is difficult for me to express how thoroughly pleased I am that you have accepted this most difficult assignment, especially during these trying times. I have every confidence that there is no-one in the country better qualified to undertake this terribly important job. Your background of experience, and the respect you have earned over the years from the many people with whom you have been associated, represents a background that cannot be surpassed.

My best wishes to you for your continued good health and success in this assignment, which means so very much to our Nation, as a whole.

Sincerely,

/s/ J E TRAINER

Executive Vice President

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