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20 August 1960

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Dear Jim:

I shall send on to the State Department a copy of your letter of the 17th.

I shall be here during the meeting of the American Bar Association and will be very glad to see you if you have any time on your hands. I suggest you give me a call when you get to Washington.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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1 - Richard H. Davis, Dept. of State

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Hon. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen:

During my recent visit to London a newspaper man informed me that he had discussed the Powers-Abel exchange (proposed by Powers' father) with people in the British Foreign Office. The Foreign Office people told him that if the State Department requested the Foreign Office to do so, as a means of easing world tensions, the Foreign Office would undertake to offer political asylum to Abel, Powers and the two American pilots now in Russian hands. Would it be possible for you to ascertain whether the State Department is interested in discussing such a matter?

I shall attend the American Bar Association meeting in Washington which commences late next week, and I hope that our paths cross during my stay.

Sincerely,



JBD/mm