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Ottawa, October 25th, 1963.

The Honourable Lionel Chevrier, M.P.,  
Minister of Justice,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Chevrier:

Re: Statement on security policy

Attached as promised are three copies of a revised version of your statement on security policy. The main changes are to remove some of the specific references to the Soviet Union, about which the Prime Minister expressed some concern, and to introduce a bit more explicitly something on the value of the changes in procedure from the point of view of the individual. Apart from these, I have adhered to the sequence and continuity of the original draft while making a number of revisions that seemed to me to add to clarity or to alter points that might have been criticised or misunderstood.

Also attached herewith is a copy of the Prime Minister's statement as I left it with him this morning. I do not know whether he will himself be making any substantial revisions.

I should like to draw your attention to page 9, which involves a change in substance. Mr. Kent raised the point this morning, which I think is a sound one, that the new procedures would have a more persuasive effect if the "second look" were by a "Board of Review" to be drawn from the

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Security Panel rather than by the Panel itself. Not only would this change look better, but it would have the substantive value of enabling us to be sure that the Board would not, in any case, have on it a member of the Panel who had previously dealt with the case in question. This is undoubtedly a virtue. I do not think the modification, which is in reality a minor one, is at all out of keeping with the spirit of what was approved by the Cabinet yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

R.G. Robertson.

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