By dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing a letter recently received from Senator

Millard E. Tydings, Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Senate
Foreign Relations Committee, acting under S. Res. 231, together
with a copy of my reply. In compliance with your Directive of
March 13, 1948, this request is being referred to your office.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Enclosures:
1. Copy of letter dated
   March 22, 1948 from
   Senator Tydings.
2. Copy of letter to
   Senator Tydings.

The President,

The White House.
Dear Senator Tydings:

In your letter of March 22, 1950 you request that the Sub- 
committees of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, sitting under 
S. Res. 231, be permitted to examine the files of the Department 
of State concerning the nine persons mentioned by Senator McCarthy 
in open hearings before the Subcommittee and the eighty persons 
against whom charges were made by Senator McCarthy in a speech on 
the Senate floor on February 20, 1950.

In view of the nature of the investigation and the terms 
of the resolution, the files which you request would appear to be the 
loyalty and security files of the Department of State concerning 
these individuals. The action of this Department in response to 
your request is therefore governed by the President's directive of 
March 15, 1947 which provides as follows:

"The efficient and just administration of the Employee 
Loyalty Program, under Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 
1947, requires that reports, records, and files relative to 
the program be preserved in strict confidence. This is neces- 
sary in the interest of our national security and welfare, to 
preserve the confidential character and sources of information 
furnished, and to protect Government personnel against the dis- 
ssemination of unfounded or disproved allegations. It is 
necessary also in order to insure the fair and just disposition 
of loyalty cases."

"For these reasons, and in accordance with the long- 
established policy that reports rendered by the Federal Bureau 
of Investigation and other investigative agencies of the 
extecutive branch are to be regarded as confidential, all re- 
ports, records, and files relative to the loyalty of employees 
or prospective employees (including reports of such investiga- 
tive agencies), shall be maintained in confidence, and shall 
not be"

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not be transmitted or disclosed except as required in the efficient conduct of business.

"Any subpoena or demand or request for information, reports, or files of the nature described, received from sources other than those persons in the executive branch of the Government who are entitled thereto by reason of their official duties, shall be respectfully declined, on the basis of this directive, and the subpoena or demand or other request shall be referred to the Office of the President for such response as the President may determine to be in the public interest in the particular case. There shall be no relaxation of the provisions of this directive except with my express authority."

This Department must, therefore, respectfully decline to make these files available to your Subcommittees. In further compliance with the Directive, the matter is being referred to the President for such response as the President may determine to be in the public interest.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
March 22, 1950

Honorable Dean G. Acheson
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As Chairman of the subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I was instructed at a meeting yesterday to write you and request the following:

That the committee be permitted to examine the files in the State Department as to what these files contain concerning nine persons named by Senator McCarthy in open hearing and eighty persons named by number against whom charges of one kind or another were made by Senator McCarthy in a speech on the Senate floor on February 20th, 1950.

Subsequent to his speech on the Senate floor, Senator McCarthy on March 20th gave us the names of the individuals whom he had previously designated only by number.

Your kindness in facilitating the request of the committee in reference to these files will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Millard E. Tydings