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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION  
Washington 25, D. C.

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November 15, 1956

Honorable Allen Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Office of Defense Mobilization has just reviewed its responsibilities under NSC 163/1, Security of Strategically Important Industrial Operations in Foreign Countries.

You will recall that your agency has been helpful to us before in carrying out the terms of this NSC action and policy paper. It is particularly in connection with the Chilean copper facilities that I address this letter to you.

The previous survey of these facilities, made under the responsibility of your agency, required no follow-up beyond normal precautions and the maintenance of surveillance. It is the view of the Office of Defense Mobilization that the supply position will become generally adequate enough to meet the criteria for a satisfactory supply-requirements position, which is being proposed by my office in its report to the National Security Council, as explained in the enclosed copy. This satisfactory supply position may not be achieved until new domestic copper sources in Montana and Nevada come closer to production, along with the large development now being undertaken in Peru. For a limited period of time the need for continued watchfulness measures will exist with respect to such installations as the power stations and the other most vulnerable aspects of Chilean copper production.

We would, therefore, appreciate it if your office could renew the previous examination of this matter [redacted] and make any recommendations that seem reasonable to you for additional steps [redacted]

The copper supply position is comfortable enough not to require extraordinary measures but it does not warrant any slackening of our interest in the prevention of sabotage that can be dealt with without great expense and by reasonable additions to the watchfulness of the local industry or of your agency.

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It is suggested that your staff may wish to get in touch with Mr. W. W. Schultz, of the Office of Defense Mobilization, who would have a very good current picture of the problem and would be able to advise as to the appropriate channels to use, insofar as they are at the disposal of this agency or of its delegate agencies.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense requesting that they secure the necessary cooperation from your agency also in furtherance of studies and the devising of plans for the protection of the oil resources of Venezuela and the refineries at Curacao and Aruba. These matters should, of course, be undertaken through the usual channels of consultation with the Department of State where any issues of requiring diplomacy or policy guidance are involved. I am expecting the Department of the Interior to conduct this operation directly with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Arthur S. Flemming  
Director

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