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October 2, 1947

Mr. Joseph W. Ryan
Haber, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 19, 1947, regarding the origin of the "Internal Security" activity.

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In this connection, you are advised that the files of a long established and reliable source of information in this Bureau in other than Governmental sources for this source I stated that I am unable to answer your question, but I appreciate your interest in wishing to be in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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