

(CONGRESSIONAL STATIONERY)

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Col. J. C. Nickerson
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Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Colonel:

Thank you for providing me the booklet, "Considerations on the Wilson Memorandum" as I requested. I think you have done a fine job of briefing the Alabama delegation on this subject and its effect on the Southeast.

As you know, Mr. Erick Bergaust interviewed me on the night of December 11, 1956 at Huntsville, Alabama. During this interview he requested the release of certain information on a long range flight conducted by ABMA in September 1956. I was aware that this information has been kept classified by the Defense Department for other than security reasons and that the important data on this flight had already been printed in the public press. Mr. Bergaust was in a hurry for this information; therefore, I requested you not to follow the formal course of forwarding this material through my office, but to mail it direct to Mr. Bergaust acting as my legal agent with full Congressional immunity. Further, I stated that discreet distribution to include non-Congressional persons of the "Considerations on the Wilson Memorandum" could be made by you acting as my legal agent with full Congressional immunity.

I am now confirming these statements in writing for the record.

Thanks again for aiding me in these matters, I am

Very truly yours,

John J. Sparkman