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5804 ROOSEVELT STREET  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

28 February 1946.

Mr. Allan W. Dulles,  
239 East 61st Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear *Allan*,

When I landed at Staten Island on 6 February 1946 I was in such a rush to get home I went direct to Penn Station and caught the next train for Washington. I was sorry I did not have a chance to call you then, but I plan to visit New York in the near future and if you have any spare time then we might continue our chess contest.

The SSU situation in Washington couldn't be darker so I am trying to find another assignment. I am particularly anxious to get into the UNO. As you know, the only place for Army officers in the UNO is in the Military Staff Committee. I have already been to see both Lt. Gen. Ridgeway, the senior American officer on the committee, and Maj. Gen. Dean, who just returned from Moscow, in an effort to get a job with them, but so far the Security Council hasn't had a chance to get around to any practical thinking regarding the military aspects of maintaining the peace and consequently even the Generals themselves haven't had any work to do. Therefore, Gen. Ridgeway doesn't plan to organize any sizeable staff until the end of this year.

Meanwhile, I've been investigating the possibilities of a UNO job as a civilian. I am so convinced that the UNO offers the only hope of preventing the next war (which I fear may come) that I am even willing to give up my Army career, if necessary, in order to make some tangible, personal contribution toward the UNO's success. With this in mind, I have contacted Mr. Joe Johnson and Mr. Dean Rusk in the State Department.

I believe my past experience and training qualify me best for a job in either the Military Staff Committee or the international Secretariat. As you see, there's nothing further I can do at the present re the Committee. However, if you know either Ridgeway or Dean well enough to send them a letter recommending me, I certainly would appreciate it.

As far as the civilian, State Department, side is



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concerned, if you have any suggestions as to whom I might go see for assistance I wish you'd let me know so I can take appropriate steps here in Washington.

If you run into our friend Walter Kerr, give him my regards. I certainly hope I'll be able to see you both sometime in March.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin F Black



U.S.S. Panamint



Bikini,

29 June 1946.

Dear Allen —

This letter will be cancelled and mailed on "A" Day, the day atom bomb number 4 will be dropped. The special cancellation should make it a collector's item, especially as we are only allowed to mail 5 letters apiece.

The weather looks fine and my guess is that the Test will come off on schedule, that is on 1 July.

Am very sorry I did not have a chance to visit you in N.Y.C. before I left for the Pacific, but I am looking forward to seeing in September.

Saw General Ridgway in Washington and he told me Gen. Lemnitzer had spoken to him about my wanting a job with the Military Staff Committee. Gen Ridgway was more encouraging than he had been at other



U.S.S. Panamint



earlier interviews and I feel more optimistic  
about getting the assignment when I return.

Thanks again for all your help, Allen,  
and I hope to see you in September,

yours,

Edwin F Black,



Please note:  
The "envelope from the  
atoll" is not included  
in the files.

July 15, 1946.

Dear Ed:

I was interested to get your Bikini letter  
and your envelope from the atoll will be an  
interesting souvenir.

I am glad that you are making some progress  
with General Ridgway and that Lemnitzer has been of  
some help.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
U.S.S. Panamint,  
Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, California.



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CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_

October 14, 1947.

MATTER \_\_\_\_\_

The Dean,  
Graduate School,  
Georgetown University,  
Washington 7, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black desires to pursue a course in graduate work in international relations at Georgetown University.

Col. Black is a close personal friend of mine. I have the highest regard for his ability and integrity. I have had an opportunity to follow his work closely as we were associated in work of an important confidential character in Germany in the post-armistice days. I can commend Col. Black to you unqualifiedly.

Faithfully yours,

A. W. Dulles

*Copy to  
Col. Black*



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CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_

March 21, 1950.

MATTER \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
2nd Bn., 505 Rgt.,  
82nd Airborne Div.,  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

Dear Ed:

I was delighted to get your letter of March 17 and to have your recommendation of Townsend W. Hoopes. I am passing this on to Walter Mallory with strong support. He is just the kind of fellow we would like to have in the Council.

It is good to get news of what you are doing and I hope that if you get back to New York or Washington, you will let me know so that we can get together.

A few weeks ago I was at Maxwell Field addressing the Air War College, which has become almost an annual affair with me.

Clover joins in sending best regards.

Sincerely,

A. W. Dulles



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Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
2nd Bn., 505 Rgt.,  
82nd Airborne Div.,  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

Dear Ed:

Please see the attached correspondence with General Wedemeyer. After writing my letter to Wedemeyer, it occurred to me that you are the one who could possibly solve the mystery with regard to the Beck library, as, if my recollection serves me, you had in hand the question of sending it to West Point. In any event, let me have anything that you recall on the subject and meanwhile I may have a letter from our friend, Schlabrendorff, who I regret to tell you is rather seriously ill.

I am just back from a six-weeks trip to Europe and unfortunately missed Schlabrendorff as he was in a hospital or sanatorium when I was in Wiesbaden.

Sincerely,

A. W. Dulles

(Enclosures)

MR. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐  
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August 28, 1950.



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CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_

August 31, 1950.

MATTER \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
2nd Bn., 505 Rgt.,  
82nd Airborne Division,  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

Dear Ed:

On writing you the other day I forgot to acknowledge  
your good letter of July 29th which I found upon my return  
from Europe, together with the interesting article by Mr.  
Hoopes. I shall speak to Ham Armstrong about this.

Sincerely,

A. W. Dulles

Letter  
+  
article  
to  
Mr.  
Armstrong



28 February 1955

Lt. Colonel Edwin F. Black  
Headquarters  
United States Army, Pacific  
APO 958  
San Francisco, California

Dear Ed:

It was good to hear from you and I hope something will bring you here to Washington so we can sit down and have a good talk.

I have read with interest the enclosure to your letter. Just at the moment I am doing all I can to avoid publicity and for this reason I would rather prefer that your piece should not get publicity. Personally, I am appreciative of the friendly slant you have given to the piece, but I am inclined to think that the military authorities, to whom it might be submitted, would agree that it was probably best not to publish it at this time.

There is nothing much I can do about what the free press chooses to write about the Agency or about intelligence, but I rather feel that those of us who are in intelligence work, or close to it, should do what we can to help it keep its measure of anonymity.

Sincerely,

SIGNED  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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2 April

Executive Registry

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Fully

2346 S STREET  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Dear Allen -

Supplementing my letter of 1 April regarding Col. Black's candidacy for the Metropolitan Club, I may have inadvertently given his name as Edward F. Black, instead of Edwin F. Black. The latter is correct.

Yours

Ray Cox



1 April 1959.

2346 S STREET  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Dear Allan -

I have just proposed Colonel Edward F. Black, U. S. Army, for resident membership in the Metropolitan Club.

Merle Thorpe Jr. is seconding him.

Ed suggested to me that you might write a letter to the Board of Governors, Met-Club, in his behalf. If you would do so, I would be grateful - and so would he.

Ed was attached to O. S. S. during the war and, I believe, was Executive Officer to David Bruce in Paris. He is a graduate of West Point, member of the University Club & the Army-Navy Country Club of Washington. He has returned from Hawaii where he commanded a regiment & now is with the Operation



Coordinating Board (whatever that may be) in  
the old State Department Bldg on Penn. Ave.

He lives at 3020 Cambridge Place NW.

With you kindly let me know if  
you can write for him.

Yours sincerely

Ray Cox

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11-3005

12 April 1959

Board of Governors  
Metropolitan Club  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: *file*

I understand that Mr. Ray Cox has proposed and Mr. Merle Thorpe, Jr., has seconded Colonel Edwin F. Black, U. S. Army, for resident membership in the Metropolitan Club.

I take great pleasure in writing in support of Ed Black's application. I have known Ed Black well since 1945. He had a splendid war record and at the end of the war he worked very closely with me in Berlin when he was under assignment with OSS. Colonel Black is not only an able officer but he has a very broad range of interests. During the days we were together in Berlin, he proved to be a most congenial companion.

If the Board desires any further information from me with regard to Colonel Black, it would be a pleasure to give it.

Very truly yours,  
**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: Mr. Ray Cox

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12 April 1959

Ray Cox, Esq.  
2346 S Street N. W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Ray:

I am delighted to have the chance of writing  
a letter to the Metropolitan on behalf of Colonel  
Edwin F. Black. *file*

Ed is a close personal friend. He worked  
with me in Berlin in 1945 and I see him quite  
frequently these days in connection with his work  
on the Operations Coordinating Board (OCB).

I enclose a copy of my letter.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Director  
Viken M. Dittus  
SIGNED

Sincerely,

I enclose a copy of my letter.

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with me in Berlin in 1942 and I see him quite  
often in a close personal relation. He worked

Edward R. Bicker *EB*

a letter to the Metropolitan on behalf of Colonel  
I am delighted to have the chance of writing

Best regards

Respectfully,  
Viken M. Dittus  
VMD/c

13 April 1959

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Enclosure



HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC  
FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File  
Ed Black

19 November 1963

Dear Allen,

What a wonderful surprise to receive today a copy of your new book. And many, many thanks for the warm inscription.

I often look back on our exciting days together in Germany and of the ways our paths have crossed since then. Particularly pleasant are the hours of tennis & chess, and the association with such mutual friends as General Donovan and Charlie Murphy.

I have been fortunate in being able to work with a number of people who, like yourself, have made history. Only recently, for example, I served for a year as General "Big" Mink's "Senior Advisor" — an assignment which included some fine evenings of tennis. My hope is that when the time comes for me to carry some part of this burden of history-making on my own shoulders, I will be able to do credit to my teachers who have given me every opportunity to learn.

Again, many thanks Allen.

Ed Black



J-5 Division, Box 15

HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC  
FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96601

5 May 1964

Personal:

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
2723 Q Street, N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Allen,

Would you do me the favor of reading the enclosed article? If you think it is up to the standards of Foreign Affairs, I'd appreciate your forwarding it to Mr. Armstrong for his consideration? If not, please return it to me.

Many thanks.

Yours,

Ed Bluh



May 20, 1964

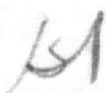
Col. E. F. Black  
J-5 Division, Box 15  
Headquarters of the Commander  
in Chief Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California 96601

Dear Ed:

I have your note of May 5 with the very interesting enclosure, which I am sending on to Ham Armstrong in New York for his consideration. Even in the short time since you wrote, a good deal of water has gone over the dam with the recent developments both in Laos and Vietnam. However, your article presents a very interesting viewpoint, and I shall let you know what Ham Armstrong thinks about it.

Unfortunately the edition which comes out in June is probably already far advanced. In this fast moving situation, I would suggest that you try for publication in something which will appear earlier than three months from now. In any event, Ham's views on this piece may be of interest.

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles

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June 4, 1964

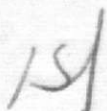
Col. E. F. Black  
J-5 Division, Box 15  
Headquarters of the Commander  
in Chief Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California 96601

Dear Ed:

I enclose a copy of a letter just received from Ham Armstrong, which is self-explanatory.

Unless you write me that you want the article back, I shall leave it with Ham for the couple of weeks he suggests.

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles

Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC  
FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96601

31 July 1964  
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Dear Allen,

Mr Armstrong returned my article  
~~the~~ other day, but I wanted you  
to know how much I appreciated  
all your efforts in my behalf.

May I ask another favor?  
When the Warren Commission report is  
published, would you have your  
secretary put a copy in the  
mail to me? Many thanks.

I follow your many activities  
with interest and hope that you  
still find time for tennis.

All my best,

Edwin F. Black



4 August 1964

Colonel E. F. Black  
Headquarters of the Commander  
in Chief Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your note of 31 July 1964. I am sorry about the article on Viet-Nam but, as you can appreciate, this is a situation that is evolving so rapidly that it is hard to keep up with events particularly for a Quarterly Foreign Affairs.

The Warren's Commission Report will be published through the Government Printing Office, and if you want the report itself with its annexes and background it will be a very voluminous affair. The main report will be one volume. It may run to 600 pages and that is probably what you have in mind.

I am possibly going to Europe as soon as the report is finished and possibly by the time it reaches public edition stage. I would suggest, therefore, that you make a requisition through your own channels as the various government departments are putting in their orders for substantial numbers of the report. How many copies the poor commission members will get, if any, I do not know but I shall certainly keep you in mind.

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles

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24 Jan '66

Dear Mrs Dukes—

I had a wonderful time  
at your house Saturday evening  
& enjoyed so much meeting the  
Campfields. I do hope I didn't talk  
too much after dinner.

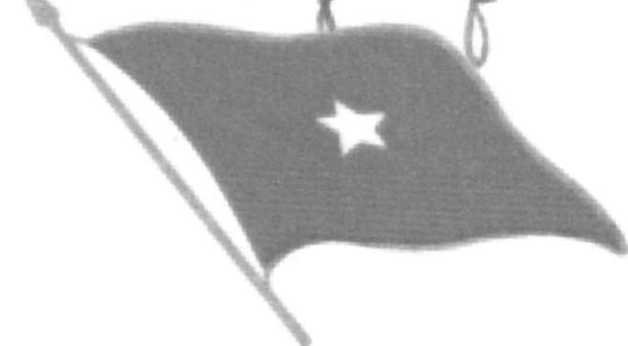
Thank you again for meeting  
me.

Sincerely,

Ed Abrah



To say farewell



Brigadier General Edwin F. Black  
requests the pleasure of the company of  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Duller  
at cocktails

on Sunday, the thirtieth of October  
at five to seven thirty p.m. o'clock

Regrets Only  
Oxford 77588

McNair Room  
Fort McNair  
Informal



Hqs. U.S. Army Support  
Command, Thailand

APO SF 96233



November 4, 1966

Dear Ed:

I am very sorry that at the last moment I was unable to attend your party at Fort McNair on October 30th "to say farewell." I sincerely hope that this is only farewell for a short time and that you will let us know when you get back to Washington.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

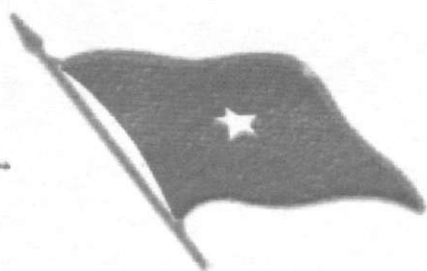
Gen. Edwin F. Black  
Hqs., U.S. Army Support  
Command, Thailand  
APO San Francisco 96233

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General Edward  
Black



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31 Jan 69

Dear Mrs. Diller —

I can't tell you how  
sorry I am to hear of Allen's  
death. As you know, I felt  
very close to your husband. I  
loved him and admired him.  
I shall never forget him or his  
many kindnesses.

Please accept my deepest  
sympathy.

Sincerely,

Ed Black  
Blair USA



March 5, 1946.

Dear Ed:

I sent you a letter several days ago but as it went via SSU, I do not know when it may reach you.

Meanwhile, I was delighted to get your letter of February 28th. Unfortunately, I am leaving for a couple of weeks' holiday. I did not get away when I first got back for family reasons and now at long last I am taking a vacation. I shall be back here at the end of the month and would be delighted to see you and we will have a reunion of all of the German OSS clan in this neighborhood.

I am inclined to think that if you could get the military assignment with UNO, you would be better off than on the civilian side. There is a mob of people pulling and hauling to get in on the civilian side of UNO and it would be a risky gamble to leave the army for this at this stage. Your qualifications, it seems to me, fit you extremely well for the military end of things. I do not know Lt. Gen. Ridgeway personally, nor Major Gen. Dean. I think my brother knows them and I will talk the matter over with him when he returns. However, I should be glad to write to Lt. Gen. Ridgeway, who probably knows me by name. I am at your disposal to do anything that I can because I have great confidence in your future and feel you have particular aptitude for this general line of work.

Walter Kerr was in this morning and I told him that you had turned up. He is at the Herald Tribune and looks forward to seeing you when you are here.

Faithfully yours,

Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
5804 Roosevelt Street,  
Bethesda, Maryland.



March 27, 1946.

Lt. Col. Edwin F. Black,  
5804 Roosevelt Street,  
Bethesda, Maryland.

Dear Ed:

I have been in touch with Major General L. L. Lemnitzer of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee about you, as he wrote me that he was working closely with Generals Ridgeway and Dean. In a recent letter from General Lemnitzer he writes me as follows:

"With reference to your remarks about Lt. Colonel Black, I do have almost daily contacts with Generals Ridgeway and Dean and will mention Black's name to them. Ridgeway, in addition to his assignment as Army member of the Military Staff Committee, has also taken over General Embick's job as senior American member of the Inter-American Defense Board. Both he and Dean are now busily engaged preparing for the meetings of the Security Council in New York, which, after one postponement, are now scheduled to take place beginning 25 March. They are certainly going to have their hands full during the next session of the Security Council."

I do not know whether you will hear anything further from this but I shall be glad to follow it up in any way I can.

Faithfully yours,



5804 ROOSEVELT STREET  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

9 April, 1946.

Dear *Allen*,

Shortly after I wrote you my last letter I had to return to Paris on business. When I got back from this unexpected trip I found your letters of the 5th and 27th of March waiting for me. I certainly appreciate all the assistance you have given me, particularly your having General Lemnitzer put in a good word for me to Generals Ridgeway and Dean.

I believe I told you that when I saw General Ridgeway here in Washington he told me that the Military Staff Committee did not have enough work to do yet to warrant taking on any additional personnel, and he suggested I get in touch with him again in September when the situation would probably be quite different. As I had to do something in the meanwhile, I asked his advice as to which of several assignments that had been offered to me (including one with Operation Crossroads) I should take. He strongly recommended that I witness the Bikini tests as he felt anything I learned about the atom bomb would be of great value in any future military assignment I might have. Acting accordingly, I am now working with the J-2 (same as the G-2) Section of Joint Task Force One. My main job will be to look after the foreign representatives whom we expect will be invited to watch the demonstration. Present plans contemplate the issuance of invitations to all nations who are represented on the Atomic Control Commission of the UNO; i.e., the members of the Security Council plus Canada. Unless there is another Presidential postponement, I should be finished with this job about the middle of September which will be just about the right time for me to see General Ridgeway again.

Meanwhile, if you could drop General Ridgeway a line telling him of my work with you in Berlin, or if you could have your brother mention my name, it would certainly be a big help in keeping my application under active consideration should the situation take a turn for the better.

I expect to be in New York the latter part of this month and I am looking forward to seeing you. I hope we will be able to locate Walter and Phil for a real reunion.

Sincerely yours,

*Edwin F. Black*