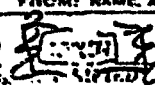


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Remarks: I have discussed the Leon Davidson letter with the staff. Their unanimous opinion was that this letter should not be answered unless it is the policy of the Agency to answer all incoming requests. They feel, as I do, that this will merely spark another letter from Mr. Davidson. They also feel he may have ulterior motives, some of them perhaps not in the best interest of this country. However, if a letter must be drafted, I suggest we state that the answer to his question is a categorical "no." Also, reference can be made to public law which prohibits anyone engaging in any activities such as this within the United States. For your information, I would like to refer a copy of this letter to the FBI for appropriate action. I will undertake to send you a copy of the letter provided you have no objections.			
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representatives of [REDACTED] Concerning
Letter from Leon Davidson, dated 3 July 1958

1. A meeting was held this date with [REDACTED] OSI representatives were
Mr. Mackey and Mr. Lexow.

2. Mr. Davidson's letter was read and discussed. Both Mr. [REDACTED] were of the opinion that the letter should not be answered unless it was a policy of Public Relations to answer all letters. This policy will be checked with Mr. Chapin by Mr. Lexow. If an answer must be made, a categorical "no" to the question posed by Mr. Davidson was suggested by Mr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] added that perhaps Davidson should be advised of the fact that we are barred from such operations in the United States by public law.

3. [REDACTED] suggested that perhaps the FBI should receive Mr. Davidson's letter in the event that Mr. Davidson is working for any subversive group attempting to solicit information from the Agency. It was agreed that after any action on the part of OSI has been taken, the letter be forwarded to [REDACTED] who would then take it up with the FBI.

(W. E. LEXOW)
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