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I HAVE BEEN EXCEEDINGLY DISTURBED BY REPORTS EMANATING FROM YOUR VACATION HEADQUARTERS IN REGARD TO THE FILES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHOM I HAVE LISTED AS BAD SECURITY RISKS. THE PAPERS CARRY A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT YOUR SPOKESMAN STATED THAT SOME PORTION OF THE FILES MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CLEAR INNOCENT PEOPLE. THIS SEEMS DANGEROUSLY IN LINE WITH YOUR ORIGINAL STATEMENT THAT YOU WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE TO "DISPROVE" MCCARTHY'S

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CHARGES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE FILES SHOULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR THE MATERIAL THEY CONTAIN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
IT DISCLOSES DANGEROUS PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OR CLEARS INNOCENT PEOPLE. YOU INDICATE THAT YOU WOULD BE
ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT BY MAKING ALL OF THE FILES AVAILABLE
ON THESE INDIVIDUALS. AS YOU KNOW, PRIOR TO THE ORDER WHICH
YOU SIGNED DURING THE HISS INVESTIGATION BLACKING OUT ALL
INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON COMMUNISTIC

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. YOU ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WHEN THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED FOR THE SUBPOENA OF THESE FILES, IT WAS NOT REQUESTING FROM YOU A FAVOR WHICH YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD, BUT RATHER DEMANDING THE INFORMATION WHICH THE CONGRESS IS ENTITLED TO UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. IT SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANT TO YOU THAT NOT EVEN ONE DEMOCRAT VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBPOENA OF THE FILES. I FEEL THAT YOUR DELAY OF

ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, THE FBI FILES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI VOTE FRAUD INVESTIGATION, THE COMPLETE FILES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO OUR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. AS YOU ALSO KNOW THE FBI FILES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FROM TIME TO TIME. LIKEWISE THE STATE DEPARTMENT FILES PRIOR TO THE ABOVE BLACK-OUT ORDER WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE HOUSE

THIS INVESTIGATION BY YOUR ARROGANT REFUSAL TO RELEASE ALL
THE NECESSARY FILES IS INEXCUSABLE AND IS ENDANGERING THE
SECURITY OF THIS NATION.

JOE MCCARTHY USS WISCONSIN.

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