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TO: Mr. Glenn H. Bethel
c/o The Commissioner

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CIA
LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO [OTTAWA]

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1949 wherein you advised that the [redacted] had received information indicating that the Central Intelligence Agency desires to place a representative in [Ottawa]. They requested any comments the Bureau might be able to make relative to this matter.

As you know, the Bureau, of course, can make no objection to the establishment of such liaison. For your confidential information, however, information has been received at the Seat of Government that a CIA liaison representative will be placed in [Canada] within the next few weeks. Officials of CIA have confidentially advised the Bureau's Liaison Section that they readily recognize that it will take years to build up a close liaison with the [redacted] and related organizations. They state, however, that they feel such action must be taken in view of CIA's jurisdiction in foreign circles.

For your further information, it has been ascertained that CIA is presently considering one [Samuel Herman Horton], a former Bureau agent and now an employee of the Office of Special Operations, CIA, for the position in question. [Horton] entered the Bureau as a Special Agent on January 15, 1940. He was assigned to the Richmond and Cincinnati Offices and was transferred to the Seat of Government on June 28, 1943. He resigned on December 17, 1944 to accept a position with the Office of Strategic Services.

It has additionally been ascertained that William K. Harvey, also a former Bureau agent and now a minor official of CIA, has recommended to his superiors that only a former Special Agent of the FBI should be placed in [Canada] so that he will have interest in common with you and thereby gain your [redacted].

CC - Foreign Service Desk

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confidence and use you as an entree with the [redacted] and other excellent Bureau contacts. The recommendation was also specifically made that "due to your peculiar personality" Horton should be the new Canadian representative because of his so-called "ability to handle people," meaning of course, that he is expected to cultivate and properly handle you for the benefit of CIA. It is therefore quite evident that CIA personnel are not only unfairly judging you, but also have every intention of using you as a "stepping-stone" for their own designs.

This information is being pointed out to you so that you may be completely aware of the situation. You should be particularly alert to prevent being used as any such "stepping-stone" for CIA or Horton. CIA should develop its own contacts without depending upon the excellent relationships already established between the FBI and Canadian official channels. Only that liaison necessary for the coordination of domestic and foreign matters is necessary and it should be most circumspect.