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Date: May 2, 1949

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

From: Director, FBI

Subject: ~~X~~ Appointment of CIA Liaison Representative to [Ottawa] (S)

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

As you know, the Bureau, of course, can make no objection to the establishment of such liaison. For your confidential information, information has been received at the Seat of Government reflecting that such 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. (S)

For your further information, it has been ascertained confidentially 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 is questioned. [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. (S)

Director's Notation:

"Say exactly what we learned.
I don't like such "wishy washy"
filtering of information. Nor is it fair
to [Bethel] not to let him know of low
opinion in which he is held.

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* Mr. [Glenn H. Bethel] (S) (X) (K)

This is being brought to you for your attention so that you may be completely aware of the situation. You should be particularly alert to prevent being used as a "stepping stone" for CIR or [Horton] (S) CIA should develop its own contacts without depending on the excellent relationships already established between the FBI and [Canadian] (S) official channels. (S) Only that liaison necessary for the coordination of domestic and foreign matters is necessary & it should be most circumspect. (S)

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