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Dear Mr. Fowler,

After our conversation of this morning, I concluded that the time had come when I must inform my own Agency that there might possibly be some approach on the part of AID. I pointed out AID's concern not to be involved in any charges of raiding, and further pointed out that there was as yet nothing specific or definite in any case.

I was surprised and not a little appalled at the bitterness of the reaction I received, which of course changes nothing. I send this along because it is not impossible that there may be some effort to place either me or AID in an unfavorable light, although I have no specific indications of this as yet. Regardless of the outcome, I have thoroughly enjoyed our conversations.

Sincerely,

*John W. Powers*