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Brigadier General John Y. York, Jr.
Acting Executive, President's Soviet
Protocol Committee
Room 149, Combined Chiefs of Staff Building
1901 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Re: Lt. Colonel William McC. Martin, Jr.

Dear General York,

Permit me to record my sincere appreciation of your assignment of Lt. Colonel William McC. Martin, Jr. to assist me for the past two months in the work of the Soviet Division of F.E.A.

Colonel Martin's achieved reputation for character, ability and good judgment is so high that nothing I can say would in any measure add to it. In my daily association with him throughout this period, during which I sought his advice and assistance on many difficult problems, I soon acquired an appreciation of his unusual qualifications, which ingratiated him with all of us with whom he came in contact.

Aside from his constructive help in the work of this Division, it was a great pleasure and privelege to be associated with Colonel Martin. I wish there were more like him.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ C. M. Wesson
Major General, U. S. Army
Director, Divisionfor Soviet Supply