

February 12, 1957

**Mr. Gerald D. Morgan
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The White House
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you for your letter of February 5 in response to my communication to the President of February 24.

As indicated in my letter, the blacklist in the American motion picture industry is enforced by all three branches of the Government of the United States. The expansion of American motion picture production throughout Europe has carried the blacklist with it, and writers abroad are now alarmed lest the American policy of suppression be imposed, by sheer weight of financial power, upon countries where such practices are abhorrent.

I have been asked to discuss this matter in very respectable publications in Britain and France, and I consider it my duty to do so. I felt, however, that I was first obliged to make the essential facts known to the head of my own Government, in the hope that relief might be obtained.

This I have done, and you have informed me the President can make no comment. My moral obligation being thus fulfilled, I shall proceed in good conscience to warn the intellectuals and artists of Western Europe to resist with all their strength that policy of inquisition, imprisonment, blacklist, and denial of passport which in America has destroyed hundreds of artists and intimidates all of them.

Sincerely,