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October 12, 1953

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Cutler:

I thought you and the President would be interested in the following information which came to the attention of this Bureau from sources of unknown reliability:

You will recall, in January, 1953, considerable newspaper publicity was afforded to an individual in Los Angeles, California, who refused to identify herself by any name other than the "Peace Pilgrim." She related to newsmen she intended walking across the United States to present a petition to the President. The petition asks for peace in Korea, establishment of a world peace department with a secretary of peace and world disarmament and reconstruction.

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According to our sources, the true name of the "Peace Pilgrim" is Mildred Ryder and she comes from Cologne, New Jersey. Our sources further advise Mildred Ryder is making her pilgrimage as a sort of "sacrificial trip" on her own volition and is not being sponsored by any organization and has no connection with any group whatsoever.

The August 27, 1953, issue of the "Detroit Free Press" reports Mildred Ryder as being in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on that date en route to Washington, D. C. The article states Mildred Ryder anticipates arriving in Washington, D. C., sometime in November.

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