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Dear General Smith:

Having had the privilege to serve under you in SHAEF may I offer you my heartfelt good wishes on the occasion of your new appointment.

It is unlikely that you remember me amongst the multitude of junior officers under your command, unless from my job as "General handy-man" during the surrender in Rheims, Flensburg and Berlin.

The enemy capabilities, complex as they may have appeared to us in SHAEF's Order of Battle Section, were simple compared with those of today when they extend to four continents and five columns.

All good citizens will feel profound satisfaction about your appointment, and their good wishes will be with you in your arduous task.

Very sincerely yours



George Reinhardt

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith,
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Dear Mr. Reinhardt:

Your congratulations and cordial good wishes on my new appointment are sincerely appreciated.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume, I am at the moment greatly heartened and encouraged by the confidence which the President has seen fit to place in me, and by the generous public support which has been made evident by such letters as yours.

Sincerely,

D. B. SMITH

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