

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
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Dear General:-

Your selection as head of the CIA will restore public confidence in that agency.

I was with the German armies for a year and a half in World War I and I studied the thorough job they did in Intelligence. Nicolai was the real head of the organization which perfected a system of evaluation that was strikingly effective.

I'm sure you'll do even better.

The best of luck.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert Bayard Swope".

Lt. General W. Bedell Smith
Commanding, 1st Army
Governors Island, New York

23 August 1950



Dear Mr. Swope:

How typically thoughtful of you to extend your best wishes on the occasion of my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I don't know that I will do as well as our friend Nicolai, but if I can obtain some definite answers to a few sixty-four dollar questions that face us at the moment, I will personally be more than satisfied.

Sincerely,

IS/Bedell Smith

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