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Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith  
Hq. First Army  
Governors Island, New York



My dear General Smith:

It was a source of great satisfaction to me, as well as to many other individuals, to read the news that you had been assigned to take over the directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency where, in my opinion, the services of an officer of your very considerable ability have been greatly needed.

That you have never heard of me is of small consequence, but I was in Psychological Warfare from the Norfolk House days, Algiers and ETO, and later with Information Control Division at Bad Homburg, Germany.

Among my prized mementoes, indicative of the success of my activities, I hold one of SHAEF's Certificates of Merit signed by you on behalf of General Eisenhower.

I hope you will accept my very best wishes for a most successful tour of duty with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,

Lt. Col. Clarence E. Whitney, Hon-Res

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23 August 1950

Lieutenant Colonel G. E. Whitney, Hon-Des.  
Indian Head National Bank  
Nashua, New Hampshire



Dear Colonel Whitney:

You are wrong in saying that I never heard of you, as I remember very well the circumstances connected with your Certificate of Merit.

Thank you sincerely for your kind note of October 21st. This new assignment which I confess I have taken with reluctance and in response to what amounts to an order, looks like a very rough one but in the present situation, one has to take these things as they come.

It is good to know that I have some support from old friends and former associates.

Faithfully,

W. B. SMITH

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