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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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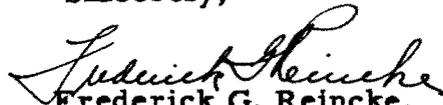
Dear General Smith:

It was a thrill for me to read in the paper that you had been appointed Director of Central Intelligence.

The choice could certainly not have been better, for you are eminently qualified to fill such a responsible position. There is no doubt but that you will do an outstanding job, such as is expected in such an assignment.

My best of luck to you in your new duties.

Sincerely,


Frederick G. Reincke,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Lt General W. B. Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

29 August 1950

Major General Frederick G. Reincke
The Adjutant General
Hartford, Connecticut



Dear General Reincke:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume, I am at the moment great encouraged and heartened by notes like yours, and, if there is little chance of happiness in this new assignment, at least there will be the satisfaction of doing a job that needs to be done.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to you personally and to the Military Department of the State of Connecticut for the splendid cooperation given First Army during the period I have been in command. It has made my job here a great deal easier.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

D. B. ~~Smith~~