



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

23 August 1950

Lieutenant General W. B. Smith
Commanding General, First Army
Governors Island, New York

Dear General Smith:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your selection to head the Central Intelligence Agency. The mission of this Agency is one of the most vital that we have as a Nation. The Government is to be congratulated upon having available a person of your outstanding ability and distinguished service for this assignment.

Since world-wide signal communications facilities are one of the vital agencies to success in accomplishing the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency, let me assure you of the desire of myself and the Signal Corps to cooperate to the fullest in accomplishing not only this phase of your mission, but any other in which we may be helpful.

Trusting that you will feel free to call upon me for any assistance that I or the Signal Corps may render, I am with best wishes

Most sincerely yours,

S. B. AKIN
Major General, USA
Chief Signal Officer

25 August 1950

Major General S. B. Akin, USA
Chief Signal Officer
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Akin:

Thanks sincerely for your kind letter of 23 August with its congratulations on my new assignment and your very generous remarks relative to my ability for the new post. I have no illusions as to the difficulty of the position I am shortly to assume, but I am encouraged and heartened by the confidence and wholehearted support of my friends in the Service.

Again, my sincere thanks for your good wishes and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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