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Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith
Headquarters First Army
Governors Island
New York, New York

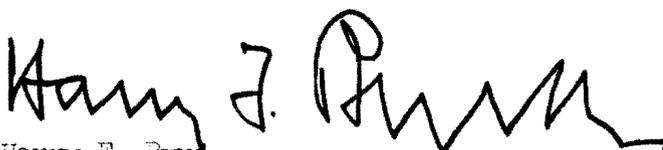
My dear General:

Just a line to congratulate you on your
appointment.

Other Senators and I have felt there should
be a thorough reorganization of our Intelligence
Service, and I am certain this will result from
your appointment. I am much pleased and, as a
member of the Senate Armed Services Committee,
will take pleasure in being present tomorrow to
vote for your confirmation.

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,


Harry F. Byrd

28 August 1950

Honorable Harry F. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

Your letter of congratulations was most thoughtful and I am very grateful.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position for which I have been nominated, I am honored and encouraged by the confidence which the President and the Senate have seen fit to place in me.

Thank you particularly for the personal kindness and friendship you have shown me.

Faithfully,

J. BRIGGS