

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

August 23, 1950

MEMBERS OF  
WILLIAM H. HASTIE  
THIRD CIRCUIT JUDGE

2086 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith  
Commanding, First Army  
New York, New York

Dear General Smith:

May I extend very sincere congratulations on your new assignment. Although you have earned rest rather than increasingly arduous and taxing labor, we are more fortunate than we can say or fully realize that you have been selected for your new duties.

It certainly does not seem nearly ten years since the beginning of our association in the War Department. Tragic as it is that so little has been settled during that decade, we must be grateful that we can turn to men like yourself for leadership in these critical days.

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Hastie*

28 August 1950

Honorable William H. Hastie  
2086 United States Courthouse  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Judge Hastie:

I am very grateful for your thoughtful letter of August 23 with regard to my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I value your good wishes more than I can say.

This promises to be as rough as anything I have yet undertaken, and, frankly, I am not too delighted with the prospects. I am greatly encouraged and heartened, however, by the confidence the President has seen fit to place in me, and by the generous support of my friends which has been made evident by letters such as yours.

With kindest personal regards,

Faithfully,

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