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August 26, 1950

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

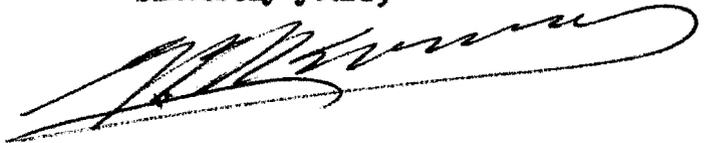
A breath of fresh air entered into my inner feelings when I read in the papers that you accepted the appointment as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I served with OSS in Greece and the Middle East in 1944, and I realize the importance of having an aggressive organization for the purpose.

I feel what an enormous and difficult job is ahead of you and if, at any time, objective information or other work is needed, I will be only too happy to be of service to you and to the Central Intelligence Agency.

With my very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



George P. Skouras  
President

GPS/rp

7 September 1950

Mr George P. Skouras, President  
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Dear Mr Skouras:

Your cordial letter and good wishes on my new appointment are deeply appreciated. I am badly in need of encouragement at this time and your kind words and offer of assistance mean a great deal to me.

The job is going to be a difficult one. However, it is most encouraging to know that I am taking over at a time when the administration and the general public are very much aware of the need for an effective intelligence organization, and I can confidently expect to receive whole-hearted support and assistance from every quarter.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

HJM

W. B. SMITH

~~/s/ W. B. Smith~~  
~~(By HJM)~~