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My dear old Bedell,

Ever since I saw the announcement that you were going to be king of Intelligence in the United States, I have been meaning to write and tell you how grateful we all are to you for taking on such a terrific assignment, and how sincerely we are all convinced that this is a great acquisition to the strength of the United Nations. As you know, we have not got the counterpart to your position in this country, but I imagine that it will be helpful to our common cause that Kenneth Strong worked under you for so long, and that Stewart Menzies is so well known to you.

It is comforting to think of the gathering of the clans in Washington - General Marshall, yourself and Bob Lovett already there, and your old Chief (whom I love and admire to much) not very far off. I cannot myself see any chance of peace for many years to come, but I also have little fear of war, so long as the old brigade are in Washington to prevent it.

I am not looking for a job, Bedell, as I am a back number and have plenty on my plate, but I hope you realise that if there is any way, however humble, in which I can be of the slightest assistance in any part of the world, you have only to command me.

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Peter Portal and I are Directors of the same Insurance Company. We have been sitting on a Board Meeting together this morning and saying how happy we are that the old firm is in the field again.

Someone (I think it was Lew Douglas or Julius Holmes) frightened me the other day by saying that your old tummy had gone back on you: but when I heard that you were taking on your present job, I knew that all must be well.

Please give Nory our love and the same to you - and with it my very best wishes for making the same success of the new billet as you have done in all the others that you have occupied.

Yours friend always

Pug