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Dear General:

It is with much pleasure that I have learned of the President's nomination of you as the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps as the successor to General Shepherd. You are following a great leader, and I want you to know how pleased I am that you will be the new chief of this gallant fighting force.

I look forward to continued close cooperation of this Agency with your Corps, and I wish you personally and officially great success in this most important position.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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