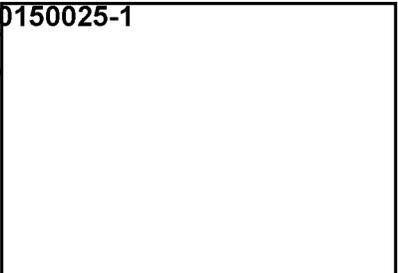


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I was sorry to learn from your letter of 4 October that you must retire in November, but you can do so with full knowledge that you have served the Agency, its predecessor, and your country faithfully and well. While I regret the circumstances which have made it necessary for you to retire, I certainly feel that the doctors know best, and sincerely hope that the coming years will bring you a return to good health.

I shall pass on to those you mentioned in your letter the kind remarks you have made about them and the Agency, and I am looking forward to seeing your continued contributions in the News Column of



Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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I am writing you because all these years I have known you, since working in the Agency for 18 years, I have known you to be the finest gentleman anyone could come in contact with. Also there are many, many others some of whom I will try to name--Mr. Houston, Col. White, Dr. Kent,  Mr. Saunders,  and a host of others that make up the finest heads of the CIA or I believe deep in my heart any agency in the U. S. Government and our Director, Mr. Dulles, whom I had a chance to serve at times when I was assigned to  office as his chauffeur and the secretaries and all the employees that I have met and known--make it in my own belief the finest of all the Government agencies. I write this because I am sure I will not be able to see each of you, but want this message to reach each and every one whom I consider and believe to be my friends; as I am retiring sometime in November by doctor's orders for the safety of my health. I want to say that when I leave I will take and keep all of you in my heart and remember how nice and kind you all were to me; and, if you will accept the little words that I have in the News Column, I will continue to write and send it in so that you may read it. May the good Lord always be with you and bless you in health and happiness and everything that is good.

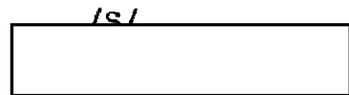
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I hope you will have your secretary type this and place it on your bulletin board in the Administrative Building so others may see it also.

Thanking you for your time in reading this, I am



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