

5 May 1972

Dear Howard:

Many thanks for your kind note of congratulations and offer of assistance. I really appreciate it. This is a very challenging assignment and I will do my best to deserve the confidence that has been shown me.

I am happy to see that your visit has been scheduled for next week and I'm looking forward to having you at lunch here after your briefings.

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters  
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Lieutenant General Howard W. Penney  
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Washington, D. C.  
2 May 1972

Dear Vern,

I would like to send this belated but most sincere note of congratulations on your selection and promotion. I know you will do a tremendous job over there.

We enjoyed seeing you that evening in Heidelberg, and in retrospect, I guess that it possibly could have been in connection with this that you had just made a trip to Washington, which you mentioned.

You are most gracious to let me come over and visit the Agency which they have scheduled for 11 May. I will look forward to seeing you for a few minutes.

Needless to say, if there is anything this Agency can do for you at any time, please don't hesitate to let me know.

With every good wish and warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard W. Penney".

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