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General Walter Bedell Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

We'll be publishing in a few months the diary of Graf Von Einsiedel, a grandson of Bismarck, who was shot down over Stalingrad in 1942 and went over to the Russians. He was one of the founders of the Free Germany Committee and this is his "journal" actually, though, written after the event. It was published in Germany under the title, TAGEBUCH DER VERSUCHUNG, and tells the story of how the Russians made a convinced Communist of him and many of his compatriots, and how they lost them.

I thought you might be interested to see an advance set of proofs\* and they are going to you separately. If you should be willing to comment on them, we'd be very glad to have a frank statement from you as to what you think of the book.

Sincerely yours,

*Eugene Davidson*  
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