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Since receiving your letter of 10 November 1948, I have taken up again with the Marine Corps personnel people the question of your assignment to this Agency. The Personnel Officer was obdurate and said that you, for your own good, must be assigned to troop duty. However, he did agree to assign you to the Central Intelligence Agency at this time, provided we agreed to the detachment of Colonel

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USMC, who has been with us since July 1947. Since has done and is doing very good work, of course, we could not ask for his detachment to take on someone else. The Marine Corps personnel people were most courteous but felt that they could not assign another Marine officer to the Central Intelligence Agency at this time and also felt that you should get in some troop duty.

We should like to have you, and perhaps after you have put in a year or so on duty with troops you could ask again through the Marine Corps for an assignment to this Agency. I can assure you that we would approve, as far as we are concerned, your assignment to this Agency.

With best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

A + deep thru PD 11-15-48
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Director of Central
Intelligence

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Note for Record: contacted Marine Corps on 11/15/48 and reported their views to Director.