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Dear Joe:

I delayed my answer to your letter of 28 January because I had hoped to find time to prepare the foreword you requested me to write for Dr. Norman's book long before this. Unfortunately, the pressure of business has been so great that it was not until this week that I could manage to come up with anything at all.

I am enclosing the result, which I hope will suit your purposes. The manuscript and galleys follow, under separate cover. The picture of me you requested is enclosed; however, I cannot find a picture of the "Overlord" staff. Perhaps the photo people in the information offices at the Pentagon could find one for you.

I shall look forward to seeing the completed book on "Overlord" when it comes off the presses.

Faithfully,

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FOREWORD

"Overlord" was unquestionably, as of this writing, the largest overseas military operation ever undertaken. In the pages which follow, Dr. Albert Norman presents, insofar as it can be compressed within one easily readable volume, a careful history of the planning which made its achievement possible and of the operation itself.

Dr. Norman's topic is absorbing, both for its historical interest and for the lessons it holds for those who, perhaps unfortunately, must be concerned with the possibility of "Overlords" yet to come. It holds yet another and even more important interest. The staff groups which contributed to the success of "Overlord" and the ultimate defeat of Germany were the exemplification of an idea of allied unity, developed by General Eisenhower and perfected to such an extent that it has become the symbol of successful international cooperation.

Walter Bedell Smith

Washington, D. C.
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