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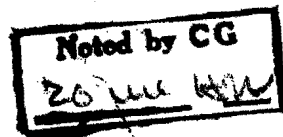
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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*P. S. Jim Jeynes said you
were looking much better when
last he saw you. We hope the
improvement now is rapid!
CEB*

C. E. BYERS
Major General, GSC
Acting Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-1

*I guess I can but
this is pretty far in
a drawer to make
a firm commitment*

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26 June 1950

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Major General G. E. Myers
Acting Asst Chief of Staff, G-1
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Glovis:

Thanks for your note of June 16, advising me of the request from the Chief of Naval Operations that I deliver a lecture at the Naval War College on 18 October. This is pretty far in advance to make a firm commitment, but as far as I know now I can make it.

Faithfully,

/s/ W. B. SMITH

W. B. SMITH
Lieutenant General, USA

(by HJM, ADC)

7 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

In a telephone conversation Thursday, 7 September, with Lt Leedy, Aide to Admiral Hill, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, it was proposed that General Smith's scheduled talk to the First Class of the Naval Academy be changed from September 22 to some date in November. Lt Leedy will discuss this with Admiral Hill and advise us of a new date in November by telephone call within the next week.

HJM
ADC

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
Annapolis, Maryland

LECTURES ON WORLD PROBLEMS

for

THE CLASS OF 1951

September to December 1950

1. Introductory Lecture: The Nature of International Relations.

An introduction designed to introduce certain basic concepts of international relations, including the balance of power, and the major techniques of international relations, bilateral, regional and multilateral. The relation between the military and the political, and the role of ideology.

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Historical analysis of the development of social, political and economic forces in Russia since the time of the Revolution.

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Basic, geographic, strategic and traditional historical factors influencing Soviet foreign policy. Soviet intentions, and techniques of foreign policy.

4. The Satellite Nations: Stability and Instability of Soviet Control.

A comparative analysis of Soviet policies in the satellite nations. The rise and future of Titoism.

5. Democracy and Communism: Competing Ideologies.

A comparison of democracy and communism, including fundamental ideological differences and prospects for international predominance.

6. The United Kingdom: Rise or Decline?

The strategic position of the United Kingdom, its relations with the Commonwealth, with Europe, and with the United States.

7. France: A Responsible Partner?

The key position of France in Europe. Historical weaknesses in French politics. Current problems of French foreign policy. France and the problem of European integration.

8. Germany: East or West?

Historical factors influencing the role of Germany in Europe. Efforts toward a unified Germany. Current position of Germany in the cold war.

9. China.

Brief historical survey of conquest of China by Communists. Long-run prospects of Communism in China. China as a satellite. Possible influence of the United States in China.

10. Southeast Asia.

Special character of economic and political problems of area. Population problems. Nationalism. Effects of European colonial rule. Possible United States influence.

11. Japan.

Historical role of Japan in balance of power. Brief comparison of occupation with occupation of Germany. Strategic considerations.

12. The Middle East.

Economic and strategic importance of the Middle East. Effects of Jewish-Arab quarrel. Interest and possible influence of United Kingdom and United States.

13. India and Pakistan.

The central role of India in Asia. Capabilities and intentions of India. Relation of India and Pakistan. Possible United States influence.

14. Latin America.

Brief summary of historical United States policies toward Latin America. United States interest in Latin America. Problem of Communism in Latin America. Role of Inter-American Organization.

15. The United Nations and Multilateral Diplomacy.

Brief summary of effort to extend democratic principles of organization into international life. Hazards and possibilities. Relation of United Nations to underlying balance of power. Techniques of multilateral diplomacy.

16. Conclusion: Current Problems of United States Foreign Policy.

A systematic interpretation of four or five of the most immediate problems of American foreign policy indicating alternatives that are open and why certain alternatives are preferable. A project lesson in the formulation of foreign policy.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Noted by CG
28 July HJM

26 July 1950

My dear General:

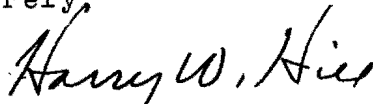
It was fine talking to you this morning and I am delighted that you have agreed to come down and talk to the first class on 22 September at 8 p. m. I am enclosing a list of the lectures which we propose to have this fall so that you will get an idea as to how your topic fits into the general scheme of things.

As I told you, we will be delighted if Mrs. Smith can come along with you and we will want you to have dinner with us and spend the night if practicable.

I have looked up the information about Stevens and find that his present address is Room 2E 958, Pentagon.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



H. W. Hill
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

Enclosure

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. A.
Commanding General, First Army
Governors Island, New York

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HJ

1 August 1950

Dear Admiral Hill:

Thank you for your letter of July 26 confirming our earlier conversation with regard to my talking to the first class of the Naval Academy on September 22. I will be happy to do this and look forward to the opportunity of visiting the Academy again.

You and Mrs. Hill were very kind to invite Mrs. Smith and myself to stay overnight and we both want to do this if at all possible. May I withhold a definite reply on this, however, until early September when I hope the air will have cleared a little and I will be able to predict our schedules with some degree of certainty?

Thanks for sending Steve's address. I plan to contact him at the first opportunity.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. B. SMITH

Vice Admiral H. W. Hill, USN
Superintendent, United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

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Received by postpaid from tall
Friday, September 5, 1950



Can it be put off
till some time in
November? Otherwise
I can make it.

5 Sept 50
(DATE)





HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

13 Sept

11 September 1950

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL SMITH

Admiral Hill has agreed to change the time of your scheduled talk to the First Class of the US Naval Academy from September 22 to Tuesday evening, 14 November, at 8:30 PM. The Admiral said that he understood perfectly the reasons which prompted your request for postponement and wanted you to know that the change would not inconvenience the Naval Academy.

I have agreed to advise Admiral Hill's Aide, Lieutenant Leedy, if this new date is agreeable to you.

HJM
ADC

Lieutenant Leedy
Aide to Admiral Hill
US Naval Academy

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OK
[Handwritten signature]

Confirmed to Opt. Keith
by telephone 14 Sept
HJM

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL F. TH:

Tom Fisher calls me that it will take about
two and a half to make the trip from here to
Chicago (this allows for the late afternoon
traffic).

Do you want to take Mrs. Smith and accept
her invitation for dinner and to remain overnight
or do you prefer to return that evening? You
will accept the dinner as you will other-
wise have to plan to leave early enough to stop
over at night.

*Mr. Smith glad
and will contact you
W.M.S.*

17 Oct 50
(DATE)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

11 October 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Dr. Shields from the Naval Academy called on Wednesday, 11 October, to confirm the date for the General's talk to the First Class of the Naval Academy for Tuesday, 14 November at 8:00 PM.

Dr. Shields suggested that I coordinate any details on this trip with Commander Bringle, Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Hill.

Commander Bringle's telephone number in Annapolis, Maryland is 2611, extension 302.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

11 October 1950

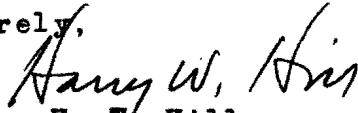
My dear General:

I am delighted that you can come down and talk to the first class on Tuesday, 14 November at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hill and I hope that Mrs. Smith will be able to come along with you, and we will be especially pleased if you can have dinner with us and stay overnight.

With congratulations on your new assignment, and with best regards, I am

Sincerely,



H. W. Hill

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Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, U.S.A.
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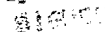
28 October 1950

Dear Admiral Hill:

This morning I have learned that I am due for an official trip next month which is going to prevent my coming to the Naval Academy on November 11th to speak to the members of your first class.

I am extremely sorry about this as I had looked forward to visiting the Academy and talking with your young men and feel now that I am dropping out on you with very little advance warning. This is a circumstance beyond my control, however, and I know that you will understand my position.

Sincerely,



W. B. SMITH

Vice Admiral H. W. Hill
Superintendent
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

20 October 1950

Dear Admiral Hill:

It was very kind of you to invite Mrs. Smith to accompany me to the Naval Academy on November 11th and to suggest that we remain overnight with you and Mrs. Hill. We would like very much to accept this, but find now that we are going to have a house full of guests at this time and it will not be possible for Mrs. Smith to get away. For the same reason, I am afraid that I am going to have to return to Washington immediately following my talk.

It is my understanding that you want me to cover the general topic of "The Soviet Union: Objectives and Direction of Policy." I will try to do this but, if agreeable with you, I would prefer to limit my talk to approximately one-half hour and then devote the remainder of the period in attempting to answer any questions which your First Classmen may care to put to me. I believe Commander Bringle has already been in contact with Colonel Miller in my office and that they will work out between them any of the details of the trip.

Mrs. Smith joins me in sending warmest regards to you and Mrs. Hill and expressing our grateful appreciation for your thoughtful invitation.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

W. B. SMITH

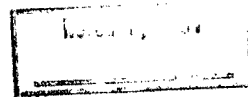
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CANADA

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NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

FORT FRONTENAC
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

October 21st, 1950

Dear

Bidul

I wish to invite you to speak to the fourth course of the National Defence College on the subject of "Soviet Foreign Policy" on the morning of Monday, February 5th, 1951.

The National Defence College was established in January 1948, to study problems related to the formulation of policy for Canadian Defence. The students are a small group of senior officers and officials from the armed services and selected civilian departments of government. Our course is similar in scope and purpose to the ones conducted at the National War College in Washington and the Imperial Defence College in London. Our programme consists of lectures by leaders in various fields in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. The lectures run concurrently with the preparation of problems by the students.

It has been our practice to have talks last about forty-five minutes, to be followed by a period of discussion on an informal and off-the-record basis. All students are cleared for receipt of classified information and full security coverage is provided. There is no publicity whatever for our lecturers.

If you are able to come I will write later as to administrative details. I do hope you will be able to visit us and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Simonds

28 October 1950

Dear *Roy*

I would like to accept your invitation to talk to the National Defence College on February 5th and would certainly do so if I thought there were the slightest chance of my being able to get away from here at that time. Unfortunately, this new job is turning out to be every bit as rough as predicted and for some time to come I fear I will have to do a good deal less talking and a lot more listening.

Please forgive me this time, but if you care to renew this invitation later for your next class, I should be pretty well squared away by that time and will arrange my schedule to be with you.

Faithfully,

S/Bedell Smith

Lieutenant General G. G. Simonds
National Defence College
Fort Frontenac
Kingston, Ontario

MEMORANDUM TO: Gen. Smith

Adm. Hill's letter has crossed in the mails with your letter to him of the same date.

I told Dr. Shields who is in charge of the lecture series that I believed you would prefer a brief talk (approximately 30 minutes) followed by a question period. I did not think you would want to lecture for a full hour.

Since your letter has reached him by now, a reply to this is probably not necessary. I can pass on to his aide your decision on type of talk you want to deliver.

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20 October 1950

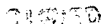
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

20 October 1950

Noted by DCI

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My dear General Smith:


In conversations with Colonel Mueller there seemed to be a little misunderstanding about the nature of your talk here at the Academy on 14 November.

The hall where you will speak is not well suited for a question and answer period as questions cannot be heard by all and the audience is too large. We therefore have established a procedure of having no question period. I am sure you know in general the type of questions that are always raised and will cover them in your usual good style. You can make the lecture as informal as you please and I am sure you will find these midshipmen extremely eager and anxious to listen to anything you have to say for a period of forty to forty-five minutes.

Mrs. Hill and I are hoping that you and Mrs. Smith can arrive here about six o'clock for dinner preceding the lecture. We will be delighted to have you stay overnight with us if possible but if you should prefer to go back I would say that you could plan on getting away by about ten-thirty p. m.

Looking forward to seeing you both and with best regards, I am

Sincerely,



Harry W. Hill

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