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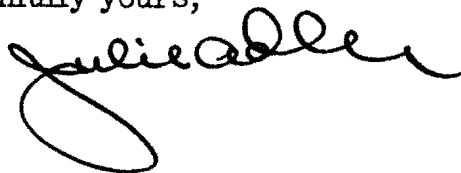
August 19, 1950

Dear Bedell:

You are truly one of the great Americans of all time and your decision to assume the direction of the Central Intelligence Agency is just another indication of this fact. I can realize the difficulties that must have beset you in making this decision and all the sacrifice that it will entail.

May you be spared to your fellow Americans for many long years and may the future have in store for you nothing but continued health, happiness and success.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julius Adler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Julius Adler".

Lt. General W. Bedell Smith  
Commanding General, First Army  
Governors Island  
New York 4, New York

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23 August 1950

Dear Julie:

Your gracious letter has meant a great deal to me and clears from my mind any remaining doubts as to the correctness of my decision.

Faithfully,

S/Bedell

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