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General W. Bedell Smith,
Commanding 1st. U.S.Army.
Governor's Island, N.Y.

Dear Bedell:

Enclosed you will find the clippings from our three Indpls. papers pertaining to your new appointment.

I sent you a wire as follows. Congratulations on appointment, right man in right place, good luck.

You may not remember but on your appointment to the Russian Post, my wire to you was; Congratulations, The right man in the **WRONG** place.

I felt that you would be handicapped no end as you no doubt were, that time, however you did an outstanding job in spite of all that. I had an order in early for your book " My Three Years in Moscow" and received one of the first copies to arrive in Indpls. My whole family and I have enjoyed reading it very much and I wonder if you will take time to write an autograph to me on a piece of paper that I can paste in the book which I intend to hand down to my heirs.

I feel that we are in for another real war and as I am now 61 years young, the part I can expect to take in it looks very dim at this time.

The best of luck to you Bedell, I am sure proud of my old corporal, best regards to Mrs. Smith.

Sincerely,

James W. "Jimmy" Hurt,
EX- Colonel and Shooter.

*collected
clips
for Jimmy*

21 Aug 1947

Placed to Mrs. J. J.
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GENERAL W BEDELL SMITH

HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY GOVERNORS ISLAND NY

CONGRATULATIONS ON APPOINTMENT RIGHT MAN IN

RIGHT PLACE GOOD LUCK

COL JIMMIE HURT

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1 September 1950

Colonel James W. Hurt, Ret.
212 North Delaware Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Jimmy:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of good wishes on my appointment.

Although I am under no illusion as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume, I am at the moment greatly heartened and encouraged by letters like yours. If there is little chance of happiness in this new assignment, at least there will be the satisfaction of doing a job which needs to be done.

I am happy to learn that my book was so well received by you and your family, and am pleased to inclose an autographed bookplate as you requested.

Mrs Smith joins me in warmest personal regards to you and your family.

Faithfully,

DMB

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