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173 Miramar Ave.,
San Francisco 12, Calif.
August 19, 1950.

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith:

Sir,

Our President is to be congratulated on nominating you the Chief of our Central Intelligence Agency at this critical time in our history.

General Eisenhower said everything when he called you 'the best chief of staff any general ever had.

We have faith in you and our country.

Yours truly,

Otto W. Vertheim.



29 August 1950

Mr. Otto Wertheim
173 Mission Avenue
San Francisco 12, California



Dear Mr. Wertheim:

Your congratulations and cordial good wishes on my new appointment are sincerely appreciated.

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 the confidence which the President has seen fit to place in me, and by the generous public support which has been made evident by such letters as yours.

Sincerely,

J. B. SMITH.