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Dear Walter:

Mike and I have lost one of our most anguishing arguments: The serious need for someone like you to take over the intelligence for the United States. We, among others, have often named you as the man to be drafted! Many, many worried people are cheering your appointment today. It is good news for all Americans.

With sincere best wishes,



Fleur Cowles

Brigadier General Walter Bedell-Smith
c/o Adjutant General
United States Army
Washington 25, DC

2 September 1950

Mr Flour Coles
Editor, Flour Magazine
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Dear Flour:

How kind and thoughtful of you to write me about the
new appointment! It is a tough one, and, as you well know,
I am painfully conscious of my limitations in the field of
the miraculous. However, I must say that confidence of
friends like you and Mike is good for the morale. One
thing I regret is going a couple of hundred miles away
from people in New York like yourself who have been so
kind and hospitable. However, I will be back from time
to time, and I know you come to Washington.

Faithfully,

WBS/jm

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