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Denver, Colorado
21 August 1950

Dear Bedell:

I note by the papers that you are going to undertake the job of the CIA. God knows it needs a firm hand coupled with some imagination and leadership. I scarcely need to say I wish you well, but I cannot help adding expressions of regret because you are leaving Governors Island.

This note brings to you also my very deep appreciation for your consideration in the matter of Sgt. Dry. If, for the moment, you and your successor will merely make him available to me when I need him, it will be quite sufficient. Of course I do hope that someday I may have him back for day by day service, even though he remains, as always, attached to the New York headquarters. He means a very great deal to me, as you know.

Good luck, and as always, warm regard.

Cordially,

Lieut. General Walter B. Smith
Commanding General
First Army
Governors Island, New York

7 September 1950

Dear Ike:

Thanks for your note. As you know, I wanted to avoid the Intelligence job if possible, but in view of the general situation, and particularly the Korean affair, I did not feel I could refuse for a third time. I will be coming to you for advice and counsel from time to time.

Among the many regrets I have of leaving Governors Island, the principal one is that I have seen so little of you. I am hoping you will return from Colorado and points west before I take over on October 1, and that I'll get a chance to talk with you then. If not, I will be returning to New York almost weekly, I believe.

I hope you are having a good time and that you have caught a lot of trout. Julie Adler gave me a glowing account of the impression you made at the Coconut Grove, which I could, of course, have predicted.

Sergeant Dry is all taken care of and is yours, as I told you.

Nory joins me in love to you and Mamie,

Faithfully,

Is/Badell

~~General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower
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