



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

22 August 1950

Lieut. General Walter Bedell Smith  
Commander, First Army  
Governors Island, New York

Dear General Smith:

May I express my great pleasure at your acceptance of the post of Director of Central Intelligence.

As Director of Intelligence of the Air Force, I welcome the opportunity to work with you and will see to it that we in the Air Force are effective members of the team.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. P. Cabell".

C. P. CABELL  
Major General, USAF  
Director of Intelligence

28 August 1950

Major General G. F. Cabell, USAF  
Director of Intelligence  
Department of the Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Cabell:

My sincere thanks for your thoughtful letter with regard to my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This promises to be as difficult as anything I have yet undertaken and I will need a great deal of help to make a success of it. I know the sort of effective support I can expect from your organization and it is a comfort to know that you are part of the team.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH