

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 22, 1950.

Dear General:

At last the good news is out and I want to join your many friends in wishing you well, and express the additional hope that your health will continue to improve. We know that because of your new position the health of our country and the world will also continue to improve.

I need not tell you that if I can, in any way, be of help I stand ready.

Always cordially,



DAVID K. NILES  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

Brigadier General Bedell Smith,  
Governor's Island,  
New York.

*He can leave*

23 August 1950

Mr. David K. Niles  
Administrative Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

Thanks sincerely for your kind note of August 22nd. If there is any compensation for taking over this new job, besides that of doing something the President wants, it is the opportunity of being more closely associated with a few people like yourself.

I appreciate the offer of your help which I will badly need and I look forward to seeing you at the earliest opportunity.

Faithfully,

15/Robert F. Kennedy