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Dear Bedell,

It is a fine thing for the country that you have agreed to accept the position as Chief of Intelligence. I know you will reflect credit upon yourself in this new assignment just as you have done in every position you have occupied.

Margaret joins in best wishes for you and Eleanor.

Sincerely,


Kenneth C. Royall

General Walter Bedell Smith
First Army Headquarters
Governors Island, New York

25 August 1950

Dear Kenneth:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of congratulations and good wishes upon the occasion of my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I need a few kind words at the moment because, frankly, I believe this will be the toughest assignment of my career. I had hoped to avoid this job, but with the advent of the Korean situation I could not decline. I am now completely for it.

Nory joins me in best regards to Margaret and yourself,

Sincerely,

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