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THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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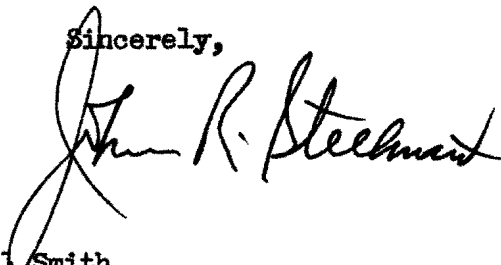
PERSONAL

Dear General:


I know that your nomination by the President as Director of Central Intelligence will meet with great approval and commendation. I have always been impressed by the marked degree of confidence that everyone has in you, and I know that many are happy to hear the good news that now you are to head up our vital intelligence program.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John R. Steelman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".



A circular stamp, likely a seal or official mark, is located to the left of the signature. It contains some text that is difficult to read but appears to be an official seal.

Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith
Commander of the First Army
Governor's Island, New York

28 August 1950



Dear Mr. Steelman:

Thanks sincerely for your kind message of 22 August. I have no illusions as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume but am encouraged and heartened by the confidence the President has seen fit to place in me.

One compensation in taking on this job will be the satisfaction of working with people like you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

D. D. EISENHOWER

Mr. John R. Steelman
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