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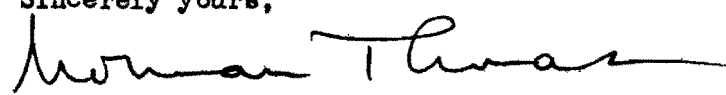
My dear General Smith:

Never before have I thought it appropriate for me to write a letter about such an appointment as yours to head our Intelligence.

In this case, I think the President has made the best possible choice for an extraordinarily difficult post. The country is to be congratulated.

With all my heart I wish you well.

Sincerely yours,



Norman Thomas
Chairman

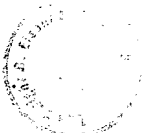


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29 August 1950

Mr. Norman Thomas, Chairman
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112 East 19th Street
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Dear Mr. Thomas:



Your congratulations and cordial good wishes on my new appointment are deeply appreciated. I am badly in need of encouragement at this time and a kind word from you means a great deal to me.

Although I am under no illusions as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume and, frankly, not entirely delighted with the prospects, there at least will be the satisfaction of doing a job which needs to be done.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITE