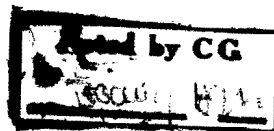


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Dear General:

The country is incredibly fortunate in your appointment. My only apprehension is for your health. I very much hope that you are as much better as your availability for this appointment would (or should) suggest.

You may know that I have been pursuing Colonel Muller in the hope of arranging a visit with you. I realize that you may be incommunicado during the brief period before your appointment takes effect. If, however, you are available, I would be grateful for a few minutes with you.

Sincerely yours,



Theodore Waller

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Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith  
Governor's Island  
New York

*Mr. T. Thanks*

31 August 1950

Mr. Theodore Waller  
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Dear Mr. Waller:

Your message of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is sincerely appreciated.

This promises to be a rough assignment and, frankly, I am not delighted with the prospects. There is some comfort, however, in the knowledge that I am taking over the job at a time when the nation is very much alive to the need for an effective intelligence organization, and I can confidently expect wholehearted support and assistance from every quarter.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

B. SMITH  
By HJM