

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON


August 24, 1950

Dear Bedell:

First of all, I hope you are feeling much better.  
Secondly, I wish to congratulate you and my country on  
the new assignment which you are undertaking.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

  
*Jack*  
John E. Peurifoy

Lieutenant General W. Bedell Smith,  
Commanding Officer of the First Army,  
Governor's Island,  
New York, N. Y.

28 August 1950

Dear Jack:

I am very grateful for your thoughtful message in regard to my appointment and health.

This promises to be as rough as anything I have yet undertaken. However, I am heartened and encouraged by the expressions of confidence letters such as yours have given me. I know the kind of effective support which I can expect from you and the Department and am counting heavily on this to see me through.

Mrs. Smith joins me in sending our warmest personal regards,

Faithfully,

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