



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Trenton 4, N.J.  
August 24, 1950

My dear General Smith:

Bad news it is for those of us  
in these parts who now say "au voir"  
to you, very bad news indeed.

Few could have been as sympathetic  
as yourself in our various and many  
troubles and no one could have better  
evidenced good helpfulness than you.  
You go to high station and it becomes  
you well and for my part, I am very,  
very thankful that you are still an  
important part of the United States Army.

Best of going to you and that  
always, I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward C. Rose".

Edward C. Rose  
Major General, NJNG.  
Chief of Staff.

Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith,  
Governors Island,  
New York.

30 August 1950

Major General Edward C. Ross, NJMG  
Chief of Staff  
Department of Defense  
Trenton 4, New Jersey

Dear General Ross:

I appreciate your expression of regret at my leaving First Army and thank you sincerely for your good wishes.

The new job promises to be a very rough assignment and, frankly, I am not delighted with the prospects. There is some comfort, however, in the knowledge that I am taking over at a time when the nation is very much alive to the need for an effective intelligence organization. But how I hate to leave the First Army.

I want to thank you personally and the New Jersey Department of Defense for the friendship and support you have given me. It has made my job here easier.

Faithfully,

15/ Bedell Smith

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