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DEPARTMENT OF RAD

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Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith  
Commander, First Army  
Fort Jay  
Governor's Island  
New York, New York

Dear General Smith:

Let me tell you how pleased I was to read in the newspaper about your new job. I want to wish you the very best and much luck.

Through the "grapevine" I heard that you had gone to Walter Reed Hospital and had some adjustments in the upper G. I. tract. I was glad to learn that these adjustments were done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert P. Ball".

Robert P. Ball, M. D.  
Radiologist-in-Chief

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29 August 1950

Dr. Robert P. Ball  
The New York Hospital  
525 East 68th Street  
New York 21, New York



Dear Doctor Ball:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of congratulations on my new appointment to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

This promises to be as rough as anything I have yet undertaken, and frankly, I am not too delighted with the prospects. There is some comfort, however, in the knowledge that I am taking over at a time when the nation is keenly aware of the need for an extensive intelligence organization, and I can confidently expect support and assistance from every quarter.

The surgeons at Walter Reed appear to have done a superior job of rearranging my interior and I am happy to report that I am in better shape now than I have been for years. It is a good thing that I had this done when I did for it is improbable that my old stomach could have withstood the pressures to which it may shortly be subjected. Incidentally, I want to thank you again for your personal interest and professional help, which I deeply appreciate and for which I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,

W. B. SWINEY