



THE DETROIT BANK

PH M. DODGE
PRESIDENT

August 25, 1950

Dear General Smith

You can be certain it was a great lift to everyone to learn of your appointment as Head of the CIA. This will stimulate some much needed confidence.

Congratulations to you and the Country!

Very sincerely

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith
Commanding General, First Army
Governors Island, New York

2 September 1950

Mr. Joseph M. Dodge
The Detroit Bank
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Dodge:

Thanks sincerely for your kind and thoughtful note on the new appointment. I am under no illusions about this job. The American people seem to expect miracles nowadays from their servants, and I am painfully conscious of my own limitations in the field of the miraculous. However, I am for it now and will do the best I can. Notes of confidence like your own help the morale a great deal.

Faithfully,

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