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Dear Bedell:

Just a word to clutter up your mail with warmest wishes for your entire success in the new job.

I had a suspicion that they would pin the rose on you and I am delighted that you are willing to accept it. It also proves again your wisdom in having gotten in that fishing before this happened to you.

With our warmest wishes to Norrie and yourself,  
I am

Yours ever,

*RM*

Robert Murphy

Lt. General W. Bedell Smith, Director,  
Combined Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.  
U.S.A.

7 September 1950

The Honorable Robert Murphy  
American Embassy  
Brussels

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your thoughtful note on my new appointment. I would just as well they had pinned the rose on somebody else and, as you can probably guess, I tried to dodge this thing as long as possible. With the advent of the Korean situation, however, I no longer felt that I could avoid something that was being presented to me as a duty. I am for it now, and will do the best I can. I can only hope that you and my other friends will be prepared to identify the body when it finally emerges from the Washington mill.

Mory joins me in sending love to you and the family.

Faithfully,

HJM/

Beckell

