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My dear General:

On getting back in "circulation" after spending several days at my ranch in Wyoming I learn about your acceptance of the C.I.A. appointment. That's great news and I am very much pleased that you were persuaded to take on this chore. The entire country, I know, feels complimented.

I have missed not seeing you recently but am glad to hear from some of our mutual friends that you are feeling quite well again. If there ever is any way in which I can be of assistance to you, just let me know.

With warmest regards and always wishing you the best, I am,

Yours sincerely,



General W. Bedell Smith  
Headquarters, First Army  
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6 September 1950

Mr R. W. Woodruff  
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Dear Mr Woodruff:

Your congratulations and cordial good wishes on my new appointment are deeply appreciated. I am badly in need of encouragement at this time and your kind words and offer of assistance mean a great deal to me.

I am under no illusion about this job and expect it will be at least as rough as anything I have yet undertaken. The American people seem to expect miracles nowadays from their public servants and I am deeply conscious of my own limitations in the field of the miraculous. However, I am for it now and will do the best I can.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH

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