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Corsicana, Texas
Aug. 26, 1950

Gen. Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir: -

Congratulations upon your new assignment.

For 3 years I have corresponded regularly with a 21 year old Dutch girl in Nijmegen, Holland.

She and her family adapted graves of American soldiers, buried these - after visiting the graves, taking flowers in memory, and writing the families of these fallen soldiers. It was thru one of these families in Indiana, that her name and address was sent to me and I was asked to write to her. This I gladly did and it has been one of the most pleasant and interesting experiences of my life. Her letters have made me feel, as never before, just how much we here in America, have to be truly thankful for.

She and her family suffered many hardships during the 5 yrs. of German occupation and the terrible war years, and many experiences which can never be forgotten from their memory.

I have sent numerous parcels of food, clothing, materials, and many

he told me her hobby is that of an inter-
lection of autographed photographs of
"Important People" and "Celebrities" & he
to help her in this interesting hobby
securing autographed photographs of
mous Americans. I'd like to ask
would be so kind as to send
an autographed photograph for the
bly collection which includes suc-
cessions as: Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower
u. Johnathon M. Fairwright, Gen.
a. C. Marshall - Gen. Omar Bradley
n. Mark Clark - Gen. Lucius D. Clay
w. Hoyt Vandenberg - late Gen. "Hap"
nald - Gen. Geo. C. Spatzenmeyer - Major
rger M. Ramsey - Brig. Gen. K. L. Berke
Admiral Chester H. Nimitz - Admiral Rich
Byrd - Adm. Louis Leahfeld - Vice Adm.
lud D. Price. Adm. A. W. Radford
pt. M. A. Nation - Capt. H. R. Nieman
aj. Anthony C. McAuliffe - Charles F. Bro
du Acheson - Louis Johnson - Tom Con
m Clark - Sam Rayburn - Alben W. Bar
Edgar Hoover - J. A. Kuegg - Arturo
rastonini - Leopold Stokowski - Lucien
tchior - Guy Lombardo - Edgar A. Sn
omas E. Dewey - Lowell Thomas -
rgeon Beatty - Bob Hope - Bing Cros
ef Rogers - Hopalong Cassidy - Gene
dy Donald - Mary Martin - Fred Mc
urray - Victor Mature - Dana Andye
yront Penner - Harry James, Betty H.

Miguel Aleman, Pres. of Mexico - Gov. of Texas - T. E. Croniff - Dorothy - John H. Carpenter - Doak - any other personalities of stage, screen and radio, I mentioned these in or if you could know who was included. Besides these she has Ray - Winston Churchill and others. I think it would be an honor to be included. She is very proud of the famous Americans in her collection. I apologize for this lengthy letter, especially since I don't have access to a typewriter, but I did want to tell you the partial story of my Aunt's friend so you could better understand and appreciate why I wrote and ask this favor for her. I do hope you can grant this request.

My sincere thanks and appreciation for your time and consideration.
With very best wishes, I am



Sincerely -
(Miss.) Etta Yates.

15 September 1950

Miss Etta Yates
618 West 18th Avenue
Covington, Texas



Dear Miss Yates:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 26 August and to tell you how he appreciated hearing about your correspondent in the Netherlands.

Enclosed is a photograph which General Smith was happy to inscribe for your friend at your request.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
1A. Colonel, Infantry
Aide de Camp

Enclosure