

345 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston 15, Mass
August 27, 1950

Dear Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith:

Congratulations upon your appointment to head our "Intelligence Service." President Truman could not have selected a better man.

In case you have forgotten me, may I recall our contact during the Peace Conference in Paris in 1946, when I discussed with you my forthcoming book on Russia. I was representing the North American Newspaper Alliance at the Peace Conference.

Since I saw you, I was in countries "behind the curtain," excluding the USSR, Rumania and Bulgaria, in 1947, 1949 and 1950. I had a visa for Bulgaria this year, but my time schedule did not permit me to use it.

If I can be of any service to you at any time, do not hesitate to call on me.

Wishing you every success in your new endeavor, and with high esteem,
Sincerely yours,

Stella Mae Gold
Hon. Walter Bedell Smith
Washington, D.C.

6 September 1950

Miss Stella Margold
345 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Margold:

Your thoughtful letter of congratulations and good wishes on my appointment is deeply appreciated. I remember very well our talk at the Peace Conference and it was good to hear from you again.

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 very much aware of the need for an effective intelligence organization and I can confidently expect to receive whole-hearted support and assistance from every quarter.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH