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Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith
Commanding General
First Army
Governor's Island
New York

Dear Beedle:

First, let me congratulate you upon your appointment as Head of Central Intelligence. I hope that this appointment will only be temporary, as I feel that your services can be used in a greater capacity for the benefit of the United States as a whole.

I am attaching herewith some propaganda which I receive regularly from an Adam Freeman in New York, as I feel that in your new job it would be worthwhile to have the intelligence service check this organization, find out who is really back of it and also what its real motives are.

Looking forward to seeing you in the near future, and with love always to Nory and kindest regards to you, I beg to remain,

Sincerely,


Albert I. Lodwick

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In May, 1948, news of the launching of the Russian XXVI type submarine reached this headquarters 2½ weeks before it got to the United States Secret Service Chiefs in Washington.

The following highly confidential order, dated April 3rd, 1946, was given to the Directing Office of the Political Police in Budapest by command of the Russian N.K.V.D. It reached us safely in London by a secret channel.

"In the last few months vital information has reached a notorious agent of the British Intelligence Service, and widely known British reactionary, de Courcy. This man publishes a small sheet *Review of World Affairs*, which has a tremendous influence both on American and British political thinking. This paper has continuously printed damaging information on Hungary and other eastern countries, which information is dangerous because it is accurate, and tends to prove that the informant has the most intimate contacts in the highest circles. A check of foreign correspondents has shown that they are not the source, because none of them has real contacts in such high circles. Special investigation in order to discover de Courcy's source of information must be redoubled, with special attention to the possibility that the source may be within foreign military missions here."

No greater compliment could have been made. Kenneth de Courcy is *not* in fact a member of the British Secret Service, but he is chief of the greatest *journalistic* intelligence service in the world.



We live in strange times. . . . The drama ahead will exceed even the terrific one of the last years. The wise citizen will by now have made up his or her mind that the great rule governing a high Commander in War equally applies in private affairs, viz., that first-class intelligence is a condition of success. In present conditions the citizen who does not know what is really happening, and what is probably going to happen, cannot avoid making ghastly mistakes in private life, business and politics.

Sound knowledge of what is going on behind the headlines has become a condition of success in all walks of life.

The Germans also went to the length of issuing a warning memorandum to their troops in the Middle East about the dangers of the observation system this pamphlet mentions. The enemy feared and hated it.

It is vital that we should know broadly what the true state of our affairs really is—how we stand—what is really going to happen at home and abroad. This is an overwhelming need. The results of ignorance are dire.

If we dare to look back over the years, we find we were told German tanks were made of cardboard, that France was fighting fit, that the Balkans were collectively determined to oppose aggression if only Britain would lead. Poland was to fight for a year, while France took the offensive in the west and so on.

Even now an incredible amount of rubbish is widely believed. The real facts are not all known. Some say that it all works out in the end—but *does* it? As a result of ignorance of the facts we had a very long war, producing untold suffering, and now we face the Russian danger.

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The three top men in Yugoslavia . . . are worried at the differences. . . .

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7 September 1950

Mr Albert I. Lodwick, President
Lodwick Aircraft Industries, Inc.
Al Lodwick Airport
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Al:

Thanks for your note. As you know, I did not want this job but the President made it very personal and I finally felt that I couldn't decline. I am afraid that it is going to be a tough one. Incidentally, I believe that you can be of help to me from time to time. As soon as you come to Washington after October 1, I wish you would get in touch with me.

I just had a very nice letter from Jerry Persons, who says that he spent some time with you and Dot but that he did not catch all the bass in Florida. Knowing the two of you, I am not worrying about the future of the bass fishing when I get down there again, as I hope to next March.

Faithfully,

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