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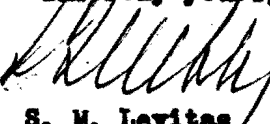
Dear General Smith:

It is with tremendous satisfaction that I have read of your new assignment. I was happy for two reasons. First, it proved that you were in good physical shape and I hope and pray that your good health will continue for many, many years to come.

Secondly, I know of no one in the country who can compete with you in the understanding of modern intelligence, especially in combatting such a vicious and Machiavellian enemy as the one we are now confronted with. I know that you are bringing to your new position enormous understanding and knowledge and that we, the people, can rest assured that the job will be done. My heartiest congratulations to you!

I wish you would let me know your new address so that we may adjust our files accordingly.

Sincerely yours,


S. M. Levitas
Executive Editor

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Mr. S. M. Levitas, Executive Editor
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Dear Mr. Levitas:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of congratulations and good wishes on my appointment to head the Central Intelligence Agency. You are very kind to speak so highly of my qualifications for the job. I am in need of this sort of encouragement at the moment.

This promises to be one of the most difficult assignments I have yet undertaken and probably the least rewarding in the public sense. There is some comfort, however, in the knowledge that I am taking over at a time when the nation is keenly aware of the need for an effective intelligence organization, and I can confidently expect wholehearted support and assistance from every quarter.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for sending me copies of your New Leader Magazine. I read as much of each issue as I can and have never failed to find the articles interesting and profitable.

Again, my sincere appreciation for your message and for your good wishes concerning my health. I am happy to say I am feeling better than I have for years.

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH

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