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Walter Krips

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My dear General Smith:

It was with great interest I followed your latest appointment and ratification, via the newspapers and Radio. Allow me to congratulate you on this and to say I don't think they could have found a more qualified person for the position.

I read your book with great interest, and thought it conveyed a very concise picture. It reminded me so much of the old "Beeble", who was such a stickler for fact, detail and precision.

When I learned you were in the hospital I was going to send you a card, but I was out so well my car would not get to it. I hope you are in good health now.

As to me, I have been at home for several months with very high blood pressure (old age I guess), but am much better now and hope to have it under control before long. It sure has been hell to be inactive I can tell

Miss the old days so much  
and long to be connected with the  
service once again. When I  
returned from my four year stay  
in Hawaii you were then connected  
with the Illinois Public Aid Commission  
then known as the Ill. Emergency  
Relief, and was Director of Work  
Relief for the City of Chicago for ten  
years. But nothing could take  
the place of the investigating  
and work with the Army, such that  
the relief gave me a much broader  
scope in the field of investigation.

I have missed the Pattersons so  
much since their deaths, in the  
1930's as I could always depend  
on them.

If you can think of any place  
I might fit in, in this present  
situation please let me know  
as I am going to be in the market  
very soon. As to age remember I  
am the same age as you.

I do hope you and Mrs  
are in good health

Again offering you my good  
wishes for your continued success  
Love as always Sincerely

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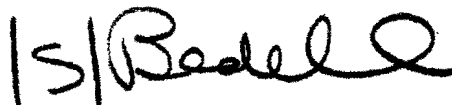
Dear Hips:

Thanks sincerely for your kind letter of 29 August with its good wishes on my new assignment and your very generous remarks as to my qualifications for the position.

I don't know in detail what I'm getting into, but expect the worst and know I won't be disappointed. I feel rather like the local boy being pushed into the prize ring at a county fair—although extremely grateful for the confidence and plaudits of the populace, not entirely delighted with the prospects.

Fortunately, as a result of the splendid work of the surgeons at Walter Reed, I am feeling better now than I have for years and am confident that my new streamlined stomach will stand up admirably even under the heavy pressures to which it may soon be subjected. However, I am delighted to learn that you were successful in curing your high blood pressure because I may soon be in need of the remedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. S. Beadel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line to the left of the first name.

Mr. W. E. Hipsley  
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