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## PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, U.S.A., Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Quarters No. 1, Governor's Island, New York.

Dear General Smith:

On July 13, 1948 from the American Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R., you acknowledged my 1946 Baruch Atomic Energy Control Statement which inspired immediate phone call from our beloved Elder Statesman in NYC a week after his Control Plan came to UN. You were generous in your comments thereon.

So you might also care to scan a Follow Up Message to him of last Oct. 8th. This, too, received unusual commendation from him. As the 1st is mentioned, copies of BOTH are enclosed in confidence and please return at your convenience.

Heartiest congratulations upon your appointment and confirmation to your new Post as Director, Central Intelligence Agency and best wishes for success there.

When you reach Washington I should like to have that long-awaited meeting. Also I should like to have my qualifications considered to lend a hand at CIA. Before you leave New York, you might ask Mr. Baruch for his personal estimate of my qualifications to help on tasks such as those facing you.

Very sincerely yours,

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6 September 1950

Hr. Joseph V. Machugh 1208 Decatur Street, N.W. Washington 11, D.C.

Dear Mr. Machugh:

Your congratulations and good wishes on my new appointment are sincerely appreciated.

Although I am under no illusions as to the difficulty of the position which I am shortly to assume, I am at the moment greatly heartened and encouraged by notes like yours.

It was thoughtful of you to send me your follow-up message to Hr. Baruch. I have looked it over with interest and an returning it as you requested.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH

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