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General Walter Bedell Smith
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My dear General:

I am sure that your having accepted the new appointment, which I have read about in the Herald Tribune, means that your health is better. That pleases me very much, and I congratulate you.

I will most likely be in Washington a good deal this winter with the Military Chaplains Association, and I will give myself the pleasure of coming in to call upon you.

Faithfully yours,

Henry Darlington

P.S. as I have retired from active parish work (age

6 September 1950

The Reverend Henry Darlington, D. C.
122 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
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Dear Doctor Darlington:

Your thoughtful note of August 30 congratulating me on my new assignment is deeply appreciated.

I am under no illusions about this job, and expect it will be at least as rough as anything I have yet undertaken. The American people seem to expect miracles nowadays from their public servants and I am painfully conscious of my own limitations in the field of the miraculous. However, I am for it now, and will do the best I can.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you how deeply I have appreciated the kindnesses and courtesies which you have shown me during the past year and a half. Your friendship has added to the enjoyment of my tour in New York.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH