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East Jaffrey, N. H.
August 30, 1950

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Headquarters First Army
Office of the Commanding General
Governors Island
New York 4, N. Y.

Dear Bedell:

I just want to tell you how Wink, Dick, and I all rejoiced over your new appointment to head up CIA. Perhaps you are not rejoicing, for it is going to be one of the toughest assignments of the many tough ones you've held. On the other hand, I believe it to be one of the really key positions in the present perilous world situation, and frankly my estimation of the administration has gone up a notch by virtue of its selection of the best man in the country for such a job. I only hope your health holds up under the strain. Further, if there is ever any assistance that I or the Russian Institute can give you in this vital work, you know that our services are yours to command.

Love from all of us to you both.

As ever,

Ernie (aih)

Ernest J. Simmons

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Signed in the absence
of Professor Simmons.

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September 1, 1950

Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Headquarters First Army
Office of the Commanding General
Governors Island
New York 4, N. Y.

Dear Bedell:

I hate to trouble you with this matter, but the enclosed is an article which I have written for a book proposed by the World Peace Foundation. A copy of the program for this book and the contributors is also enclosed.

Since your name and a record of your help to me occurs several times, I felt it necessary to have your OK before publication. To facilitate the matter, I have indicated in red pencil all the sections that directly concern you.

I would be very grateful if you would indicate in the manuscript approval, deletions, or changes, and return the whole in the enclosed envelope.

Incidentally, I am also clearing this with State.

I wouldn't have got into this if I had not felt that such a book might be useful publically in the present situation.

Cordially yours,

Ernie (ail)

Ernest J. Simmons

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Enclosures.

6 September 1950

Professor Ernest J. Simmons
Columbia University in the City
of New York
New York 27, N.Y.



Dear Ernie:

Your congratulations and good wishes on my new appointment are sincerely appreciated. Perhaps your considerations would be more in order than congratulations, as this promises to be the roughest assignment I have yet undertaken. I know that I am not going to enjoy it but, at least, there will be the satisfaction of doing a job that has to be done.

Your offer of assistance is appreciated and I hope you mean it. I have already thought of you in this regard and fully intend to call on you from time to time.

Your article arrived this morning and I have read it with a great deal of interest. It is an excellent and timely analysis and I am only sorry that it will not receive a wider distribution than is likely in the particular symposium for which it was prepared. I certainly have no objection to the passages in which my name is mentioned.

Mary joins me in love to you, Wink and Dick,

Faithfully,

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