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GENERAL KARL F. HAUSAUER
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR

31 August 1950.

Dear General Smith:-

I have not as yet written the usual type of letter to congratulate you on your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency - and this is not that sort of letter. I think it would be better to congratulate the government on being able to procure your services in such a vital post.

All of us in the New York National Guard are going to miss your understanding and support more than you perhaps will ever know. You have frequently been kind enough to compliment us on our progress, but I am very certain we could not have accomplished nearly so much without the leadership of Jimmie Jaynes as Sub-Area Commander and yourself as our Army Commander.

There are many things that are wrong about the Guard and I hope that in our new Reorganization plans which have just been officially published, that we have eliminated the most serious obstacles which impede the Guard's progress. I have a feeling this represents a forward step in National Guard thinking and hope it may set a pattern for other states to follow. A copy is inclosed.

Under the law in the State of New York, the Chief of Staff to the Governor must be either the Commanding General of the National Guard or the Commanding Officer of the Naval Militia, who, in turn, must meet Federal requirements, both professionally and physically. This will insure that the future of our Guard will not be entrusted to an Adjutant General who might be appointed by a Governor, irrespective of his qualifications for the office.

I hope, that as time goes on the Department of the Army will more fully accept the Guard and that some

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means can be devised to solve our greatest problem - the tremendous turnover of 33&1/3% every year. Maybe Universal Military Training will accomplish this eventually but it seems to me that our present Selective Service laws could accomplish the same objective if trained one-year enlistees were returned to the Guard instead of being put into the Reserves so that we could rely on the influx to permit us to devote greater time to combat team and division training.

I have again written you separately concerning the matter of commissioning 2nd Lieutenants and have also advised the Bureau of the fact that the letter has again been initiated so that they will not stand in the way of getting something accomplished during the present emergency.

I hope that our association will continue and that our paths will cross frequently in the future. Of course, this carries with it my sincere good wishes for your continued success and good health.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely,



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Major General Karl F. Hausauer
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Dear General Hausauer:

Your cordial letter of August 31st with its good wishes on my new appointment is deeply appreciated. I am in need of encouragement at the moment and such expressions of confidence from one's friends are a great help to the morale.

As you can probably imagine, I am leaving First Army with great reluctance but in the present situation there seemed nothing to do but say "yes" to what was presented as a duty.

I have sincerely enjoyed our association, both personal and official, and am grateful for the fine cooperation which I have received from you and your people over the past year and a half. I have watched with great admiration the sound and progressive reorganization of the New York National Guard, for which I know you have been principally responsible. You are to be congratulated on an outstanding job, and I sincerely feel that you have set a pattern which ultimately will be adopted throughout the nation.

A visit or even a call from you will always be most welcome and I hope you will keep this in mind when you come to Washington.

With warmest personal regards,

Faithfully,

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