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Saigon, Indochina
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Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Beedle:

Your appointment to head Central Intelligence Agency is high good news for a loyal American with a lively sense of the Communist danger. I am delighted that you are selected and are willing to take on that important and difficult assignment. I am also delighted that you are going to be continually connected with top policy making.

Mrs. Heath joins me in best regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Heath
Minister

20 September 1950



Dear Don:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of congratulations and kind remarks on my new appointment. Notes of confidence like your own help the morale a great deal.

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.

Mrs. Smith joins me in best wishes to you and Mrs. Heath,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Donald R. Heath
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Saigon, Indo-China

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