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3 September 1950

Lt. General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of the
Central Intelligence Agency
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Smith:

It is my pleasure to write to you in behalf of this Officers Club to ask if it is possible for us to have your photograph. If it is in keeping with your policies we would be honored if this photograph were autographed to the Army and Navy Club of Southern California.

For your information, this is an Officers Club embracing officers from all components of our Armed Forces. It was organized by a group of officers in 1948. These officers, like so many others, wanted a suitable place where they could enjoy and renew the associations born of services to their country. Our activities at this Club are the same as those found at any officers club.

We believe this Club has served a very important purpose in keeping alive the interest of the various reserve officers in their commission. It is almost impossible for an officer to enjoy the normal activities of this Club and association with other officers without increasing and intensifying his interest in his commission. This, we feel, is in the interest of national security.

We have already been honored by the receipt of autographed photographs of our Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary of Defense, and many other distinguished leaders of the Department of Defense and our Armed Forces.

I want to add in behalf of this Club and myself personal congratulations on your selection to the post of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Your past accomplishments bespeak a most successful and effective operation of this important agency - and we along with thousands of others

feel a source of pride in knowing that one so capable is handling these matters now so very important in our national life.

With warmest personal regards and every good wish for your continued success, remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dallas D. Dennis", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

DALLAS D. DENNIS
Colonel, AUS - Ret.
Manager

DDD:rf

11 September 1950

Colonel Dallas D. Dennis, AUS, Ret.
Army and Navy Club of Southern California
1441 Ocean Front
Santa Monica, California



Dear Colonel Dennis:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge with thanks your cordial letter of 3 September congratulating him on his appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I am inclosing his photograph which he was happy to inscribe for you at your request.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Aide de Camp

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