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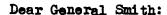
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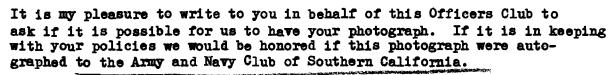
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For your information, this is an Officers Club embracing officers from all components of our Armed Forces. It was organized by a group of officers in 1948. These officers, like so many others, wanted a suitable place where they could enjoy and renew 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,

DALLAS D. DENNIS

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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