

WILLYS-OVERLAND MOTORS, INC.

TOLEDO, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 5, 1950

My dear General:

I have been away for nearly two months and on my return have just learned of your new appointment which in my mind carries with it one of the heaviest burdens that anyone in this country at the present time can assume.

I congratulate the country on your willingness to undertake this enormous task and hope if I can ever be of help or service you won't fail to let me know.

Just now, after many months' consideration, I have assumed the presidency of our company and I had looked forward to having a visit with you sometime soon. I hope that the arduous character of your new duties won't prevent that.

When you get time do let me have a note telling me where your headquarters will be so that I may keep in touch with you.

Mrs. Canaday joins me in sending warm regards to Mrs. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Lt. General Walter B. Smith  
Governor's Island  
New York, N.Y.

*Ward Canaday*

8 September 1950

Mr Ward Canaday  
Willys-Overland Motors, Inc  
Toledo, Ohio



Dear Mr Canaday:

Thank you for your nice note of September 5, congratulating me on my assignment. This is going to be as difficult as anything I have yet undertaken and I would just as well they had pinned the rose on someone else. I tried to dodge it for a time, but with the advent of the Korean situation I no longer felt I could say "no" to something that was being presented to me as a duty.

Your offer of assistance is appreciated, and I certainly hope you mean it because I plan to take you up on it. I already have in mind one aspect of the job on which I'd like to have the benefit of your advice and counsel.

It will probably be mid-October before I complete turning over First Army and move to Washington to take up the new job officially. If you come to New York before that time I will still be here on Governors Island and hope you can get out for a visit. Otherwise, I hope that you will contact me on your first trip to Washington after October. We have bought a new home in the Mill Creek area. There is plenty of room, and I hope that you will plan to stay with us whenever you are in Washington.

Mrs Smith joins me in sending warm regards to you and Mrs Canaday.

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH

WILLYS-OVERLAND MOTORS, INC.

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September 22, 1950

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My dear General Smith:

I appreciate so much your letter of September 8th, here on my return, and I look forward with the greatest pleasure to seeing you sometime in New York before you go to Washington. I have a number of things to talk over with you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

General Walter Bedell Smith  
Governors Island  
New York 4, N. Y.

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