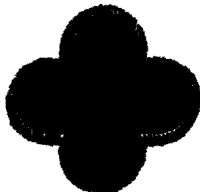


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6 September 1950

Lieutenant General W. B. Smith, USA
Headquarters, First Army
Governors Island,
New York 4, New York



Dear General:

May I take this opportunity to express my personal pleasure at your recent assignment as head of CIA.

I presume that your separation from First Army caused you some regret, but I am sure, we both visualize the great opportunities for service in the new capacity and the importance of such service at this time.

It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you during the past two years.

Most sincerely yours,

KENNETH F. CRAMER,
Major General, USA
Commanding

14 September 1950

Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, USA
Forty-third Infantry Division
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear General Cramer:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note of 6 September. I hate like the very devil to leave the First Army and can honestly say that it has been one of the most pleasant assignments of my career.

The new job promises to be the roughest I have yet undertaken and probably the least rewarding in the public sense. Although I don't expect to enjoy it, there will at least be the satisfaction of doing a job that has to be done.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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