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General Walter Bedell Smith  
Pentagon Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Beedle:

I do hope you are pleased over your new assignment in Washington. If you are, it just makes it perfect because so many of us will be delighted to have you back where we can get an occasional glimpse of you.

All the good luck and good wishes in the wide world to you in every way.

We expect to get back to Washington sometime in December and are looking forward to seeing you.

Keep cheerful.

Sincerely,



*Betty Stahl*

S/p

15 September 1950

Admiral Harold R Stark, USN (Ret)  
RD No. 1  
Tunkhannock, Penna

Dear Betty:

Thanks for your thoughtful note on my appointment. Actually, your commiserations are more in order than congratulations for I am not at all overjoyed with the prospects. I tried to dodge this as long as I could, 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.

One of the compensations of this job, however, is the fact that I will be able to renew more closely my associations with friends in Washington like yourself, whom I admire and trust.

Faithfully,

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