



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Paris, September 13, 1950

My dear General Smith:

I am enclosing, for your delectation, a brief testimonial to you which appeared in yesterday's Humanite. You will be touched by the delicacy of the sentiments, which I am sure are as sincere as Communists are ever capable of expressing. They are a generous tribute in their way.

May I add my own expression of deep pleasure and satisfaction upon learning of your recent appointment. Nothing could give me greater assurance that our country's interests will be well served in the hard days ahead than the knowledge that you are assuming a post of such vital importance to our national security. This feeling is compounded by today's announcement regarding General Marshall. I am extremely happy, moreover, that you are restored to good health once again.

We arrived in Paris three months ago, and are rapidly getting settled. As I had expected, I am finding my work here highly interesting and rewarding.

Barbara joins in warmest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Smith and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature, likely "Bill", written in dark ink and underlined with a horizontal line.

General Walter Bedell Smith
Commanding General, First Army
Governor's Island
New York, N. Y.

19 September 1950

Honorable William Crawford
American Ambassador
American Embassy
Paris, France

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your note and the clipping from Humanite. I was rather flattered and I think considering its purpose, that the cartoon was not at all bad either.

Nory joins me in sincere thanks for your good wishes and in affectionate regards to Barbara and yourself.

Faithfully, your friend,