

THE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL
FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

14 September 1950


Dear General:

I'm extremely embarrassed in extending my congratulations on your recent appointment at such a late date. All of my acquaintances, both military and civilian, are certain that you are bringing more to the position with you than any other American possibly could.

Tommy McGrail is with the infantry in Korea. A recent issue of the A & N Journal reported Major Boone Seegar, General McNarney's former aide as MIA; I pray that no harm comes to him - but that is asking for too much.

The family joins me in wishing you God Speed on your new assignment.

Respectfully,



D. C. Melius
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Major, TC

Lt Gen W. B. Smith, USA
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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20 September 1950

Major D. C. Melius, TC
The Transportation School
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Dear Melius:

Your thoughtful letter of September 14 with its congratulations and kind remarks on my new appointment is deeply appreciated.

I am not at all overjoyed at the prospects of my new job and would like to have dodged it if I could. However, with the advent of the Korean situation I no longer felt that I could say "no" to something that was presented to me as a duty.

I am sorry to hear the distressing news of Major Seegar and we can only hope for the best.

Mrs. Smith joins me in kindest personal regards to you and the family.

Sincerely,

W. B. SMITH