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Dear Beedle,

I have just returned to New York and fear this is a most belated note of congratulations to you on your new assignment. You have been given an arduous task - but it is one I know you will find much satisfaction in tackling. We are most fortunate to have you as the head of this important agency.

With my every good wish,

Sincerely yours,


Bill
William H. Draper, Jr.

Lt. General Walter B. Smith
Headquarters, First Army
Governors Island
New York

22 September 1950

Dear Bill:



Your congratulations on my new appointment and generous remarks on my fitness for the job are deeply appreciated.

This promises to be at least as difficult as anything that I have yet undertaken. However, there is a comfort in the knowledge that I am taking over at a time when the nation is keenly aware of the need for an effective intelligence organization and I can confidently expect wholehearted support and assistance from all quarters.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. Bedell

Major General William H. Draper, Jr., USA, Ret.
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