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To Jean General

I was more than sorry to be unable to come in and pay my respects to you either in Washington or at Governors Island last month but I had to fly back as Parliament was recalled.

I do not know if you appreciated the joy with which your supporters over here heard of your appointment as Head of C.I.A. We feel that at last real progress will be made along the lines we all wished for.

One of the biggest moments of my life will always be, handing you the wireless message at your dinner table to say that the Italians had accepted your surrender terms.

We are all most anxious too, to see "General Ike" come back to hot up the military organisation for the Atlantic area. I believe that his appointment would do more to inspire Western Europe and to get the organisation started than many million dollars-worth of equipment. If he is required for greater things, some six months leave of absence from Columbia would enable him I believe, to get the task well under way.

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