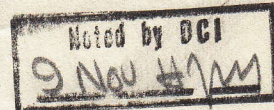


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Lieut. Gen. Bedell Smith,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.



Dear General Smith:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your very generous letter of October 31st. Indeed, I appreciate it. It brings me great comfort and satisfaction.

Yes, I confess to having been a crank about the National Defense for many years - ever since I was a wretchedly trained private in the Spanish-American War. My contacts with the army extending back at least thirty years have proved a great inspiration. ~~For~~ For one reason above all others, - "Honor" is the watch word. Like all human beings, officers of the army may make mistakes but, literally, I have never known one of them to abandon the standard of "Honor." I wish the same could be said about people in all walks of life.

In closing let me assure you that I experienced a sense of deep seated satisfaction when I read the announcement of your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. No operation in our government is more important than the one which you are directing and no one is better fitted to do the job than yourself.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Wadsworth

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