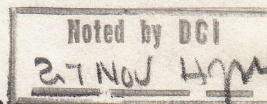


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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 18, 1950  
Dictated Nov. 14th



General Bedell Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bedell:



Yes, I think you can relax, but there's still an off-chance, because I am facing a couple of unfriendly Republican judges-- though my boys tell me that the chance is very remote indeed.

Thanks for that warm wire of congratulation.

And I like the thought of Washington better because you are to be there.

When I left the State Department I said I would never take another administrative job in Washington unless I had one Senator that I could always count on and surely count on. That, I discovered, is the key need of any administrative officer.

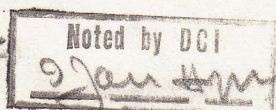
I want you to know that I am that man, as far as you are concerned.

And I hope you'll tell your boys to feed stuff into my office which can be helpful to you, when I make the insertions into the Congressional Record, or have a chance to speak on the floor. Please send up to see me that man in your office who is responsible for your liaison with Congress, and responsible for your publicity. I want to get our lines of communication straightened out.

You are not only my favorite diplomat; and my favorite general; but you are now my favorite Washington administrator (except Anna!)

Very sincerely yours,

*Bill Benton*  
William Benton  
U. S. Senate



*Saw Benton on  
6 Jan 51 WLB*

*Mr. Pforzheimer  
you might touch base  
with Sen. Benton at  
once convenient time  
H. B. B.*

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ANDUM TO: General Smith

him McConnell and  
ay I show this to ☒ Mr. Pforzheimer?



HJM

*yes. then  
return to me  
mm*

*McConnell - WRS  
Pforzheimer - WRS*  
27 November 1950  
(DATE)