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Mrs. Adelaide M. Hawkins
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Hawkins:

For the first time in the history of the United States, the service of intelligence in the interest of national security has been recognized as a profession in its own right. You, and others, who have served with various elements of U. S. intelligence for ten years or more, can take pride in the knowledge that the CIA career program and the present stature of the organization itself are in large measure due to the character and quality of your service. Without your understanding and appreciation of the importance of intelligence to our national welfare, and your devotion and perseverance, I doubt if the concept of career intelligence would ever have been realized.

It is for this reason that I send you this personal message in recognition of effective service to your country as exemplified in your long and faithful duty in our profession.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith
Director