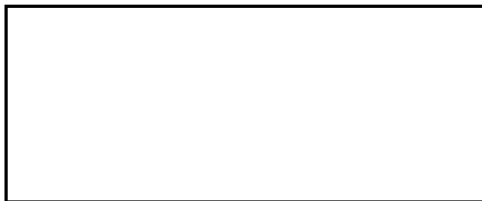


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Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness in sending congratulations on my new job. I believe instead of congratulations, it would have been much more exact if you had sent condolences. However, we shall try to make the thing work. If you come to Washington, please be sure and give me a ring as I should like to see you again.

With very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN

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1 May 1947

Dear Admiral Hilleu Koetter;

May I add my congratulations to those of your other well-wishers on your appointment as Director of Central Intelligence.

How things have changed from the time when you were in command of that mistrusted stepchild of the Pacific, SICPOA, to this belated recognition of your work in the broad intelligence field. Perhaps the eventual success of that organization and others like it played some part in forcing

acknowledgement of the need  
for the National Intelligence  
Authority.

I trust that your new  
work will again prove to be  
a stepping stone to yet higher  
appointments.

Sincerely,

