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The Honorable J. Edward Day, President
National Civil Service League
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to submit nominations
for the thirteenth annual Career Service Awards of the National
Civil Service League. I am nominating Dr. R. J. Smith, our
Deputy Director for Intelligence, and have submitted the nominating
materials to Mr. Couturier.

Dr. Smith was nominated for the 1966 Career Service Award
when he was Director of the Office of Current Intelligence. With
his appointment as Deputy Director for Intelligence in January 1966,
he became responsible for the total overt intelligence collection and
intelligence production side of the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr.
Smith is an outstanding leader in the United States intelligence com-
munity and a top career executive. In my opinion, he has earned
the recognition which the Career Service Award accords. To this
end, I would be pleased to amplify our unclassified statement with
an oral briefing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dick

Richard Helms
Director

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Mr. Jean J. Couturier, Executive Director
National Civil Service League
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Couturier:

I nominate Dr. R. J. Smith, Deputy Director for Intelligence in the Central Intelligence Agency, for the thirteenth annual Career Service Award.

Dr. Smith is a brilliant intelligence expert whose outstanding competence is clearly recognized both in the United States intelligence community and abroad. He was our nominee for the 1966 Career Service Award. He has continued to make major contributions to the success of the Agency's mission to provide intelligence affecting the national security to the President and the National Security Council. In the past year he has attained even greater stature at the national level as a result of his appointment as head of the Agency's Intelligence Directorate -- the overt intelligence collection and the intelligence production side of CIA. In his direction of this most vital element in the structure of our Government, Dr. Smith has demonstrated that he is an outstanding Federal career executive. His round-the-clock analyses of complicated international situations for the President and his principal advisers have been commended often in the past year.

I welcome the opportunity to recommend Dr. Smith for the 1967 Career Service Award. I consider him to be my principal adviser on substantive intelligence matters. As you know, the nature of the Agency's work precludes the disclosure of his specific achievements to the general public. Should more detail be desired, I will be glad to brief the members of the Selection Committee concerning Dr. Smith's accomplishments and why I find him qualified to receive one of the coveted Career Service Awards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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