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Dear Mr. Colby:

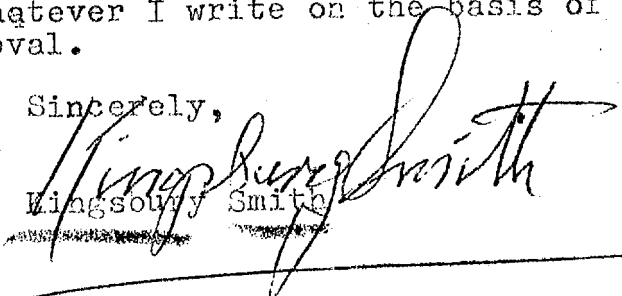
I have just recently arrived in Washington to assume the post of national editor of the Hearst Newspapers and chief of the Washington bureau after serving abroad for the past nine years as European director and chief foreign writer of our newspapers.

I am appalled by what is being done to our intelligence service and I would welcome the opportunity to publish in the Hearst Newspapers an interview with you citing, if possible, some of the outstanding achievements of the CIA which have served the interests of our country in particular and the free world in general. The Shah of Iran, in an interview last year, told me one of his reasons for being pro-American is that he feels the United States saved the independence of his country, and I gather the CIA played an important role in that effort.

Since so much is being leaked about the allegedly questionable things the CIA has done, I would like our readers to know more about the good things it has done for our country.

I would be pleased to submit in advance of publication whatever I write on the basis of the interview for your approval.

Sincerely,



Kingsbury Smith

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