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Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence Administration  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

Like your many, many friends throughout all parts of the world I was delighted to learn of your selection by the President to head up our Intelligence Service.

In view of your experience, abilities and accomplishments I feel that the future of America is brighter and more secure.

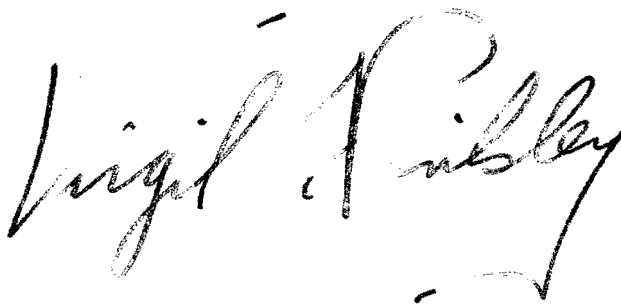
Being the good sport that you are I know you will overlook the reference to fishing with worms. The enclosed editorial was meant as a genuine tribute to an outstanding officer and gentleman.

When I am next in Washington I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you and resuming our friendship of North Africa, British and Western European days.

Warm, cordial regards.

Faithfully,

VP/jf  
enclosure

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virgil Pinkley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Faithfully,".

2 September 1950

Mr Virgil Pinkley  
Editor and Publisher  
The Mirror  
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Dear Virgil:

Thanks sincerely for your note and your flattering editorial, which was good enough to justify my forgiving even your error about fishing with worms. Believe me, I am under no illusions about this new job. As I have said a number of times, the American people nowadays expect miracles from their servants, and I am painfully conscious of my inadequacy in the field of the miraculous. Encouragement like your letter and editorial, however, is a definite boost to the morale.

I do sincerely hope that you will have occasion to visit Washington soon after October 1st, as I am very anxious to have a talk with you. If you come, do not fail to get in touch with me.

Faithfully, your friend,

WBS

/s/ Bedell Smith