

are you some time in work.
where they still seem to be
working we put a hand -
I hope you when have been
behaving better than mine!)
have just recovered from another
attack and am not really feeling
fit yet but still have to leave
two quiet spots for a three day

770 PARK AVENUE

Aug 27 - 1950

Fishers Island, N. Y.

Dear General Smith,

I am among
the thousands who welcome your
appointment as chief of C.I.A.
with great joy - I have heard
so many mention the hope

that you would be appointed
and would be able to accept
the appointment - This goes
back to months ago and now
it's a fact - I know too how
happy many of my friends
on the Hill must be as I
have heard some of our Senators
& Congressmen "yell" for just
this -

Please do not acknowledge
this letter as you are receiving
many and it will only add
to your over heavy schedule -

I am sorry we never could
get to gether for lunch last
winter but I shall hope to

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friend in Wash.

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I talked to Bill Donovan last week upon his return from Europe and he seemed so pleased with your appointment

The best of luck to you and you can always count on me for any help I might be able to contribute -

Cordially yours,
Mary Pillsbury Ford

31 August 1950

Mrs. Mary Pillsbury Lord
770 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Lord:

Thanks sincerely for your thoughtful note and for your good wishes on the new appointment. As you can probably imagine, I am leaving Governors Island with great reluctance but in the present situation, there seemed to be nothing to do but say "yes" to what was presented as a duty.

I am really anxious to talk with you and if I do not have the opportunity to do so before you return to New York, I hope you will let me know when you visit Washington after the first of October.

The ulcers are finished! I had them cut out. It's an effective method — but rugged and I do not recommend it if you can handle them by milder treatment. I must say, however, that my disposition has improved since the operation.

Faithfully,

15/Bedell Smith