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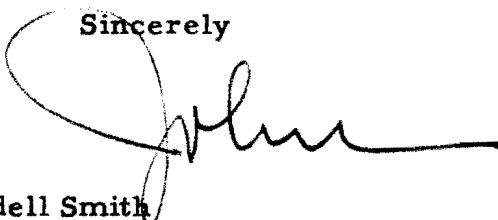
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Dear Bedell

Please accept my warm congratulations on your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. You have my best wishes for all success in this most important post.

With warm regards,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John F. Kennedy", written over the word "Sincerely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lt. Gen. W. Bedell Smith
Headquarters - First Army
Governors Island 4, N. Y.

2 September 1950

The Honorable John W. Snyder
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington 25, DC

Dear Mr Secretary:

How kind and thoughtful of you to write a note of
congratulations in connection with my new appointment.
As you well know, this is a tough one; but, there is
compensation in the fact that I will be able to renew
more closely my associations with friends in Washington,
like yourself, whom I admire and trust.

Faithfully,

WBS/

/s/ Bedell