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Major General W. B. Smith,
Commanding General, First Army,
Governors Island,
New York 4, N. Y.

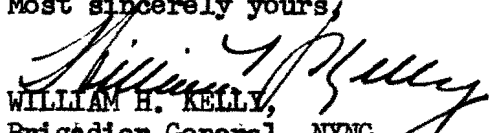
Dear General Smith:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Chief of the Civil Intelligence Agency.

It has always been a pleasure to work with you through First Army. Your understanding of our problems and your very real interest and cooperation have indeed been appreciated. While we are all glad to hear of your new assignment, your absence from this area will be much regretted.

With the best of wishes and kindest personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,


WILLIAM H. KELLY,
Brigadier General, NYNG,
Vice Chief of Staff to the
Governor.

1 September 1970

Brigadier General William H. Holly
Vice Chief of Staff to the Governor, NING
270 Broadway
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Dear General Holly:

Your thoughtful note of 31 August congratulating me on my new appointment is sincerely appreciated. I hate like the very devil to leave First Army but, of course, in these uncertain times one can't be sure of staying in any one place very long.

I don't know what I'm getting into in detail, but I expect the worst and know I will not be disappointed. The American people seem to expect miracles nowadays from their public servants, and I am painfully conscious of my own limitations in the field of the miraculous. However, I am for it now and will do the best I can.

I want to thank you personally and the Division of Naval and Military Affairs for the support and cooperation which you have consistently given to the First Army. It has made my job here a great deal easier.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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