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"My dear Dadda - Parker"

How very kind of you to write. I must say that I am distressed at having missed you on your recent visit but you can imagine the complete scramble I have been in for the past two months.

However, I have managed to have very good talks with some of your people and I recently sent Tom Betts to London to re-establish old relationships with Kenneth Strong, who will be a tower of strength to me. Incidentally, one of the few compensations in this new job is the excuse it will give me to visit London from time to time and see again the dear friends whom I have missed so much since we shut up shop at SPAEF.

It looks as though it were on the cards for General Ike to reappear in Europe at the proper time and it will be very hard for me to see the old boy set sail while I stay behind. However, it looks as though I am anchored here until we make our first mistake.



*"Faithfully,
Bevell Smith"*

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