

424 North George Mason Drive
Arlington 3, Virginia
6 August 1951

Col. Henry Dexter Learned
333 W. Schoolhouse Lane
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania

Dear Colonel Learned:

I made inquiry of the Headquarters, Army Security Agency as to whether they could take you on for a couple of weeks of active duty but was told that even if you were in the Army Security Agency Reserve they couldn't do it. One of my associates who is a major in that branch and whose active duty services were much needed for a special maneuvers job had a difficult time getting the tour, even with ASA backing. They told me it would be no use for you to try at ASA.

In my last letter I suggested that you write to G-2, the Service in which you hold your commission and you may, of course, have already done so; but if you haven't I repeat the suggestion, addressing your letter to the Reserve Components Branch of G-2.

I wish I could be of more help to you but can only recommend that you not spend any money on coming down here. The restriction of tours of active duty to officers who hold mobilization assignments applies pretty generally. I imagine that you have exhausted the possibilities of an assignment via the ORC School to which you are now assigned.

Your difficulties are a concomitant of the high grade you hold and your current assignment. With the limitations set up by the funds and what the Budget Bureau says can be done with them, your situation is paralleled by that of a great many others in a similar predicament.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

30 July 1951

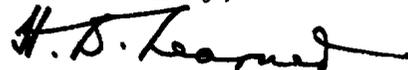
Dear Colonel Friedman:

It was a disappointment to hear from you that the Security Agency has probably no room, since Colonel DePass has suggested that outfit as a possibility. As he explains it, the Budget Bureau has restricted tours of active duty to officers who hold G-2 mobilization assignments--all filled in my grade. This, it seems, does not apply to the Security Agency.

I admit complete ignorance of what the Agency's activities include, but I have done a variety of chores that I imagine might fit in, and it would be interesting work, I am sure, if I could get in for a couple of weeks or so, sometime between 10 August and 15 September. Besides, even if nothing more should develop, I need four more points to complete a satisfactory year (anniversary date 19 October).

Anyway, I thought it worth a stamp. I could run down to see whoever is concerned, any day after this week.

Yours cordially,

Henry Dexter Learned
333 W. Schoolhouse Lane
Philadelphia 44

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424 North George Mason Drive,
Arlington 3, Virginia,
25 June 1951.

Dear Colonel Learned:

Your letter of 5 June 1951, after wandering around because of three changes of address since 1945, has finally reached me.

Before I can answer your question, it might be well to know in what arm or service you hold your present commission in the Army Reserve.

You mention our mutual friend Karl Truesdell. Is he by any chance at Temple? Or is he with some Army Reserve Unit in Philadelphia? I thought he had been retired several years ago.

Reciprocating your cordial greeting,

Sincerely yours,

Colonel Henry Dexter Learned,
333 West Schoolhouse Lane,
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

5 June 1951

Dear Colonel Friedman:

As the years roll around another decade, and war clouds roll in with them, I wonder again whether the crypto outfit could use me, temporarily (say a two-weeks active duty assignment for training, to brush up) or even on an extended active duty basis. I am back in the Army, where I belonged all the time, with the rank of colonel, and I can still slip by the medicos. We are figuring on a heavy loss in enrollment next fall, so that it would be easy enough to get a leave of absence, letting some instructor who has not achieved tenure--and gets a smaller salary--keep a job while I am away.

I have a hunch you are now brigaded with the old Navy section, as my friend General Truesdell says "in some hideout near the American University." I had a lot of friends there, and, as always, ran into many who hated my guts. Or maybe they are all out across the river at that other fem sem.

Quid plura? You are busy, and I am too: if you think there would be any use in my running down to Washington to see anybody about it--and whom?--I should appreciate a note.

Very best regards to yourself and your most charming wife.

Yours cordially,


Henry Dexter Learned
333 West Schoolhouse Lane
Philadelphia 44

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REMARKS

I recommend that you take this matter up with Colonel Collins before answering Colonel Learned's letter.

At present the only vacancy for which he might qualify is in MOS 9600 in AFSA-02. You are more familiar with Colonel Learned's qualifications than I and if his assignment to AFSA is contemplated it should be on OOA's direction. Otherwise I concur with your recommendation in paragraph 2 of your note.

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REMARKS

1. Request recommendation for reply.

2. His grade too high, in my opinion, for TD in AFSA, in technical capacity. I doubt his experience would qualify him for administrative or executive duties. I would propose telling him to apply to Director of Intelligence; (over)

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GS, USA, since ~~there is~~ ^{there is} his
branch. (ID might call him
in for T/D in ASA but I
doubt advisability even
if this.)

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DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

2 July 1951

Dear Colonel Friedman:

My present commission, dated 20 October 1949, is in the Military Intelligence Division, USAR., and I am assigned to the ORC School (as "student") at Hq. Eastern Pa. Military District, Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia 46. Our next higher Hq. is, of course, 2 Army at Fort Meade. This assignment keeps me in an active status, and does not demand a prohibitive expenditure of time, but very little of the work offered has anything to do with my previous active duty assignments. No doubt progress has been made there, as elsewhere, and I should like to brush up--and keep up to date.

I have summer school classes until 3 August, then a break until 20 September; but I should not mind extending this indefinitely (taking leave of absence here). I should need a couple of weeks advance warning.

Yours cordially,

Henry Fyfe Leaned

424 North George Mason Drive,
Arlington 3, Virginia,
7 July 1951.

Dear Colonel Learned:

In response to your letter of 2 July, I suggest that you write to the Director of Intelligence, General Staff, U. S. Army, Washington, and ask for a tour of active duty in G-2. I doubt whether we (Armed Forces Security Agency) would have anything for you now but G-2 might.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Colonel Henry Dexter Learned,
333 West Schoolhouse Lane,
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania.