

SPSIS-3

24 May 1945

Colonel Owen S. Albright
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2138 E. Lafayette Place
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Dear Colonel Albright:

Thank you very much for the exceptionally nice photograph you sent me and for the autograph hereon. I am very happy to add it to my collection and hope that some day when you have occasion to come to Washington you will stop in to see it in the gallery. I think you may well take pride in the fact that you are the real father of the Signal Intelligence Service. It is unfortunate that I cannot tell you how and why it has reached the stature it has in this war. I note what you say about your daughter being with you and I am wondering whether she would be interested in joining the staff in some capacity or other if she desires to do some war work. I think that this could be arranged and if you will let me know I can send her an application form. She might like to do something in Washington. I will look up Mr. Dean's daughter at an early opportunity and see if there is anything I can do for her.

You ask about the Signal Corps soldier who was at the Presidio. I think that whole experience was quite unfortunate so far as this man was concerned because whatever suspicion there was it was all in the mind of one chap who had no warrant therefor. The soldier's name was, as you remember, Alf Monge. I lost track of him until the summer of 1943 when I ran into him in the Embassy in London where he was a Warrant Officer in the administrative headquarters of our military attache. He never got a chance to get back into cryptographic work because of that blemish on his career which, as I say, was unwarranted, but he seemed to be happy in what he was doing.

Please give my very best greetings to both Mrs. Albright and to your daughter. Thank you again for your courtesy.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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2138 E. Layton Place

Milwaukee - Wis 5/3-45

Mr Friedman

Your letter has just come in
 the morning mail and I am
 mighty glad to hear from you.
 I will be delighted to send you
 a photograph of myself as soon
 as I can go through my trunk
 & dig one out. As a matter of
 fact I feel highly honored that
 you want one for the purposes
 mentioned. The Signal Intelligence
 Service has certainly gone a long
 way since the time of Gordon & Co.
 due in a great degree to my initiation,

my vision and your continued work.
That is one thing in my record that
I am proud of, ~~and I am sure~~ ^{although I realize that my part of the vision was quite limited at the time.}
that you are too.

I have thought of you frequently
since we last saw each other at
the Presidio of San Francisco, and
was sorry to hear of your illness
due to overwork a couple of years
ago. I hope you are fine & fit
now and that you & your family
are enjoying life.

Mrs Albright and I are living
a comfortable but quiet life here
in Milwaukee. Our daughter,
unmarried, is living with us. We
have a nice small apartment
overlooking the lake which is
most comfortable. We have lots of



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friends here, this is Mrs Albright's home you know. I play golf two or three times a week in the summer, go duck & pheasant shooting once in a while in the spring & fall and do a lot of comfortable reading during the winter months. The summers here are delightful, but the winters are "not so hot," to say the least. And by the way, one of my golfing partners here, John T. Dean, has a daughter working in your office, or rather under Corderman which I suppose is your office or closely coordinated therewith. If

it is convenient say "aw d' do"
to her for me sometime. I don't
know her, but I hear her father
speak of her quite often. I think
her name is Ellen.

Drop me a line sometime and
give me some big Cops dope. I
got awfully out of touch on
the retired list.

Please remember me to Mrs.

Friedman - and I'll send
the picture along in the next

few days -

Sincerely

Orin J. Aldrich

Cal. Ret.

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Mange

Do you know what has
just happened to the ^{Biq. C} soldier at the
Presidio who was suspect? He came to
me from Honolulu about 1939 under suspicion
of being a subversive. He was a foreigner of
some sort, he was trying to get into Biq. Int.
work, was a very intelligent fellow and knew
a lot about cryptanalysis. He had been on some where he first
work in Honolulu, I put him on some where I learned he
came to me at Presidio, took him off when I learned he
was suspect, no contact heard any thing about
him since I left San Francisco.
He had a funny foreign name
which I don't remember.

I think he was
Nourgian and Harrod Midby was the first man to suspect him, I think in Panama.

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1 May 1945

Colonel Owen S. Albright
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Dear Colonel Albright:

I am writing to ask that you do me a large favor. I am collecting photographs of eminent Signal Corps officers who have done things for the Signal Intelligence Service, and I am hanging their photographs in a gallery in my office. Your photograph should occupy a very important place in the collection since you were really the one who was responsible for initiating the establishment of this very interesting and important service. Do you think that you could provide me with a photograph of yourself in uniform and autograph is suitably for me? I would certainly appreciate having such a photograph for my collection.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and enjoying the pleasures of retirement. It would be very nice to hear from you. For your convenience, I am inclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

With very cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
Director of
Communications Research

1 Inclosure:
Self-addressed envelope

