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Dear General Clarke:

I can not tell you how sorry I was to have missed you on your recent short visit. I called a couple of times at Fort Myer, where I was told you were staying, but had no luck.

It would have been very nice to have gotten together for even a few minutes, to compare notes on how well each of us is standing up under the blows of time and the exigencies of life under the Democrats.

I will not attempt to bring you up-to-date on my own affairs except to say that I am in better health than I have been for a dozen years in the past, am enjoying it immensely, and feel strong enough to keep playing golf on that rugged Army-Navy Country Club Course.

Elizabeth departs these shores in a couple of days for a 3-months' holiday in Switzerland, Italy, and France, she having an itchy foot and the cash to assuage the itch. She wanted me to come along but what have those places to offer me that I have not seen elsewhere in my travels? I say to hell with it; but if that is what she wants I am all for her spending the money that way. I plan to have a 3-months' era of quietude, to get my books and papers straightened out in my study at home, an assurance which I have no doubt will be entertained by you with some scepticism.

I guess you know about Gene Elder's retirement. The young men in the Signal Corps are dropping by the wayside fast, leaving old-timers like myself still going strong and thumbing noses at Old Man Time. Maybe it is the work I have been doing that provides the mental vitamins conducive to a maintenance of interest in life.

I would love to hear from you - especially your reactions and private thoughts in regard to the subject of your recent visit.

With most cordial greetings to Jessie and you, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

HEADQUARTERS
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16 April 1951

Dear Friedman:

My apologies to you for not answering your last letter - if I did so fail. My memory is that I wrote you the day I received your last one, but since I keep no copies I am not sure.

I do know Canine. I am wondering. Akin will probably take him for a cleaning.

At present I am too depressed over this MacArthur deal to think clearly. I am wondering what sardonic turn of mind thought up the idea of firing MacArthur on the ninth anniversary of the fall of Bataan. I also am completely puzzled over why it was done at this time. There is no doubt whatsoever that the President has every legal right to take the action he did, but it is still one hell of a way to treat a man of MacArthur's stature, prestige, and the holder of two Medals of Honor.

I feel that
Personally, for the good of our nation and from a long range point of view it is possibly the best thing that could have happened, and I am not at all sure but what MacArthur himself did not cook this up, hoping for just the result which happened. I know for a fact that he has been wanting to quit for a long time; that his wife has been hammering at him to turn in his suit, return to the States and put the boy in an American school; that he fully realizes that with the consummation of the Peace Treaty his usefulness will be at an end. It would therefore have been somewhat of an anti-climax for him to have just "folded ~~up~~ his tent and silently stolen away". In this way he not only goes out in a blaze of glory and publicity, but also focuses the attention of the entire nation on the Far East.

I am reliably informed that there is a dawning realization in foggy bottom of the importance of the Orient and of the truth regarding the over-all situation out here; also, that there is a definite lessening of the Europe First pressure. If my report is accurate, then before any action could be taken they naturally had to get rid of MacArthur because those in the driver's seat would never, in my opinion, modify their policy so long as MacArthur remained out here. On the other hand, if a deal is to be made behind the scenes which will cast Formosa adrift or even deal it into the maw of the Red Emperor and admit him to the United Nations, then more than ever was it necessary to fire MacArthur. Again I repeat, I am puzzled at why they seized upon MacArthur's letter to Martin as the pretext for yanking MacArthur's scalp.

I suppose you read Hanson Baldwin's assessment of MacArthur in the New York Times and Raymond Moley's essay on the Korean situation. Baldwin, along with many other commentators and columnists, makes the point that MacArthur's sound-off failed to observe the fine line between the military and the political. They are right. I agree with them all, but for a very different reason: the "fine line" is so damn fine that it does not exist. Does any informed person really think that a commander of MacArthur's eminence, dealing with the status of affairs in Korea, can perform the impossible feat of separating the "military" from the "political" aspects? What such a personage says on any subject whatsoever must be political: what else?

Certainly, I accept the view that an outpost affray or a "police action" may have no political implications whatever, but I certainly believe that battles, campaigns, and finally, a war such as Korean incident has developed into progressively show more of the "political" and less of the "military" element until we finally reach a problem of such complexity that it would take such a philosopher as the second officer of state in old Tibet (he was called, indeed, I believe, the "metaphysician-in-chief") to separate the two. As Malinowski, the Polish genius, once declared, speaking of space and time, there no longer existed space by itself and time by itself, only a blend of the two -- an assertion now generally accepted by most philosophers and scientists.

Ray Moley professes to a naive faith that the United States will not accept a negotiated peace a la UN. NUTS! Our illustrious striped pants, hands-on hips boys are peeing down one leg then the other to get such a negotiated peace, thereby delivering the Orient to the Commies - their studied policy, anyway. As if in direct reply to Moley, Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison announced: "this is the psychological moment to end the Korean fighting". He called on the Chinese Reds to "cast aside the false nationalism (sic) which has wrecked so many countries", and added, what I am positive the Commies are just waiting to hear, that the "way to happiness is through co-operation".

Then old pouter pigeon Warren Austin parroted Morrison by saying that "now is the psychological time to seen an end to the fighting". But, he went on, by that he did not mean "surrender or the admission of the Chinese Communists into the United Nations with bloody hands". Why in hell those last three qualifying words? Would he admit them if they could in some manner purge those of them with "bloody hands", or in some fashion wash their sins away to the satisfaction of the assembled delegates, if not to the satisfaction of the parents of those boys who have perished so miserably on those God-forsaken Korean hillsides?

I'd say that now is the psychological time for Morrison, Austin and many others to keep their damn mouths shut; and for the UN to put up, or itself, shut up.

Do we not have any true Americans left? Why in hell do we tolerate old Richard Crossman's bleating to the effect that if President Truman

and the State Department do not have the courage to silence General MacArthur "it is up to Britain to intervene"? Shades of Patrick Henry! To what low national prestige have we fallen? Will Americans submit to insults of this nature?

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. A. Tamm".

424 North George Mason Drive
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10 April 1951

Dear General Clarke:

You owe me a letter but come home soon and all will be forgiven.

In my last one I told you I'd check on certain statements in "Operation Cicero" and would report. I checked with the fountain head of knowledge on the point in question and they "can throw very little light on the matter. We agree that there appears to be no evidence ... to substantiate this story. ... We have discussed this matter with the Foreign Office, and it is considered unlikely. ..." There was a bit more in the letter but I can't use it here. That bit might indicate a possibility that one system was read but there is no evidence either to support or contradict the possibility.

It is probably no news to you that SBA. on retirement - even before - began working on a civilian basis at CIA. I understand he will be directly under Smith. Interesting possibilities - and much speculation in AFSA as to those possibilities.

Bets here are on Guest to replace Back. Do you know General Canine? Joe Wenger says he's just about fed up and wants to move elsewhere. He's having his troubles with residuals - all three of them, and I can't blame him much for feeling stymied.

The most dispassionate account of Pearl Harbor that I've yet read is by Walter Millis in "This is Pearl", published about 2½ years ago. If you've not read it, do so. The most prolix and quite a bit biased account is Charles Beard's - I'm still wading through that one. Herbert Feis' "Road to Pearl Harbor" is excellent.

It may be that my last letter was so prolix that you tossed it in the waste basket, so this one is shorter.

How are Stub and Jessie? And you?

All of us well. Daughter is about to be married. Son wants to - soon as he has the ability to support another person. I'm better than I've been for years, and, despite the tenseness of the times and certain frustrations, am glad to be here.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours.

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424 North George Mason Drive
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29 December 1950

Dear General Clarke:

Too many days have passed since I received yours of 4 December and I can only plead the pressure of work and the intervening holidays - though what there is to celebrate or wave banners about nowadays is problematical, unless I take into consideration, so far as concerns my own situation, the fact that my psychic health, compared to its state a year ago, shows a great improvement, which is something that anyone can be thankful about these days, provided he also has a warm place to sleep and at least one good meal per day, which I have and am thankful for, besides having a nice wife and two fine children all in good health and involving no drag on the community or me.

Having taken out a few seconds to catch my breath, I will proceed to answer your letter. Its contents were most interesting, and, in spots, quite amusing.

If, on the day you wrote, the situation in Korea seemed to be desperate, I think you will agree that it now is no better. We have been maneuvered into a position which appears at the moment to present no good possibilities for extrication with sound epidermis. I am reminded here of an ancient Roman warrior who got himself into a somewhat similar situation and sent a Topsec dispatch in cipher to his home office saying substantially: "All is lost. Mindarus is killed. The soldiers want food. We can neither get hence nor stay longer here." That was some 2000 years ago and conditions haven't changed much.

I got hold of a copy of "The Grand Alliance" and checked what Churchill says about Pearl Harbor. You will note that he is silent as a tomb about their own accomplishments as "magicians", which is OK with me; but he doubtless felt that he could tell about our accomplishments because our various P.H. investigations let practically all the felines out of the suitcases in which we tried to keep them. Somewhere else in the same volume he pays tribute to the strength of U. S. democracy which could continue to stand up under the effects of such disclosures of secret operations. I think that his statement as to delays of two or three days rust, under the circumstances I wrote you, be interpreted as delays in getting the raw material to them, because, in many cases, they were not in a position to get it themselves and we had to send it to them. I think he has forgotten that element, or maybe he never knew of it.

As to "Operation Cicero", I let only six hours or so pass before getting hold of a copy. You are correct in your having "no recollection of anything turning up as a result of Ticom which would substantiate" the statements re Cicero's help in breaking codes. But I have referred the matter to our friends and will have a first hand report soon. (I'm sure they haven't been holding out on us in this instance because in far more serious ones they held back nothing.) My impression of the book as a whole is that the author is to be congratulated more on his writing a pretty good story than on his strict adherence to the truth.

I am sad to learn that you have given up all hope of our ever having an effective Intelligence Service. I'll admit the situation is bad but while there's life there's hope, and I think one of these days there's going to be some fireworks, with emphasis on the present participle of the verb fire. I suppose you saw where finally and at last Army is going to have a permanent corps of G-2'ers — all five, or six of them! As for our deficiencies in that field, you are blaming the wrong people, I think. Shortly after Korea started, I got hot under the collar and wrote a paper — which I then filed in my special file with the asbestos lining. Its title was: "Strike Two!" I think you'll get the implications. "F.H." was "Strike One!" "Korea" was "Strike Two!" — "?" "Strike Three!" and we're out, God forbid. To wind this paragraph up, I'll say that you ought to be ashamed of yourself to say "Nevertheless, I am, personally, very glad that I am out of the racket." I serve notice on you herewith and herein that I shall do my very best to get you back in and quick. The racket could become a real business with you as the chief of the concern.

Re the impending change in CSigO, I had it from a pretty reliable source only a couple of days ago that the proposition will probably be advanced that SPA be retired, immediately recalled to active duty, and reassigned as CSigO. Not a bad idea, I think.

A long time ago, when you were at Leavenworth, the school not the pen, you wrote a piece for Satevepost or for King Features, entitled "Stalking enemy radio stations." The mss. turned up recently and was given to me as a souvenir to add to my historical collection of profitless prognostications of prominent personages. For a consideration I would let you see a copy now, for I'm sure you destroyed yours long ago.

We have heard no news re Stub and hope that all is well with him and that he is buying no real estate in Korea. What can you tell me about him?

How well do you know Beadle? Does he know you and if so how favorably? Same questions re Craig. Let me know.

Things are rocking along here and I am reasonably content with my own condition but not with that of others, both animate and inanimate. As you perhaps know, Peterson is going to school, signing out here about the 5th of January. Mason is going to be a sailor once again, soon; we should have some khaki suits around but we don't. Lynn was made a B.G. this week and is trading seats with Hetherington. The old wheelhorses

such as Friedman, Rowlett, Sinkov, and Kullback are still treading the mill. I am going down to Maxwell early February to repeat a talk I gave before the Communications-Electronics Staff School. Probably go on to Brooks to give a talk there. Am becoming a public speaker in private. You can have part of the \$1000 fee I get for each performance, say 10%.

We received a very nice Christmas card from Jessie and you, for which we thank you. I've gotten old and somewhat fed up with Christmas shenanigans of peace and good will when there is no peace and good will, so have given up sending cards but nevertheless I hope my greetings to you both herein and herewith will serve to convey to you that I think of you frequently, favorably, fretfully (because of your absence from the scene), and fondly (because I want you back).

With all best wishes to you and yours for a better New Year,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWESTERN COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
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San Francisco, California
At Home. Monday Night, 4 December 1950.

Dear Friedman:-

By a strange quirk of fate your letter of 25 November came today, the ninth anniversary of the transmission of the famous Winds Message which created such havoc by virtue of its being ignored. I am wondering just what significant piece of intelligence is being ignored back there today, which will have even more^e fateful consequences for our nation.

As I write this we are getting our teeth kicked down our tender throats by those "Agrarian Reformers" who were so beloved by Faulty Memory Marshall, His Excellency, Lord Acheson, Traitor Boy Hiss, Slimy Owen Lattimore, and all the ~~other~~ abominable Commie Loving Degenerates who slither in and out of that ~~homo-~~sexual lair across the river.

The situation in Korea is desperate, indeed. I do not believe that, unless an appeasement deal is made, ~~which~~ we can hold our forces over there. In fact, now that we have made the gesture, I think we should abandon Korea just as the British did Crete, withdraw back to Japan, save our seed corn, rear ~~up~~ Japan and prepare ourselves for our final fight for survival as a nation. I am thoroughly convinced that the Japanese homeland is the true target of Russia.

Many thanks for your information regarding Rosen et al. I can see, readily enough, why old Churchill tried to protect himself and his people for he knows, as do you and I, what a hell of a stink would be stirred up in America if he admitted that he knew Pearl Harbor was coming and failed to notify old FDR.

Now, may I impose on your good nature to ask for more information? Have you read "Operation Cicero" by L. C. Moyzisch, published by Coward-McCann? If not, as Al McCormack used to say to me: "Don't live more than five minutes before getting it and reading it". In that book the author makes a number of statements to the effect that the documents provided the German Foreign Office by Cicero helped break important British codes. I have no recollection of anything turning up as a result of Ticom which would substantiate that statement. How about it? Did they hold out on us? If they did we have one more grievance against them. Also, we should keep our lightning rods higher than ever in this war, if they really come in and fight.

I enjoyed your comments on the situation back there. I fully appreciate your hesitancy as letters do go astray. I am fairly well informed on what goes on back there and, although I am completely out of the picture, I am distressed over the turn of events. These jurisdictional squabbles and struggles for personal prestige, if not stopped, will ultimately result in blowing your security and destroying the effort.

As for my own activities, I am working harder, both physically and mentally, than I ever have in my life. We are under quite a bit of stress here and if I read the signs aright we are going to catch hell in a big way when the evacuation from Korea starts. I have gained an experience I never expected to have in my wildest dreams. Whether or not I will ever make use of this experience in my army career is problematical. In fact, if Stub were not over here and in great danger I would have retired almost immediately upon arrival. I hope, though, that by being over here I may be of some help and moral support to him and, maybe,

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make some contribution to the war effort. War III is now on us
I suppose I shall stay on and do what I can.

I have given up all hope of the United States ever having an Intelligence Service. The screwball Donovan influence cannot, in my opinion, be eradicated. Of no one in history can it be more aptly said, than of old FDR: "The evil that men do lives after them". Then the dead hand of ineptitude in high places continues to frustrate working level efforts within the services. I love intelligence work and frankly feel that whatever talents, if any, I have are being wasted on this type of job, and at this time. Nevertheless, I am, personally, very glad that I am out of the racket.

These Japanese are most amusing in their attempts to use the English language with fluency. Recently, Hanson Baldwin was here in Osaka and we gave him a cocktail party and dinner. One of the Japanese Prefectural Governors, on leaving, came up to thank me for inviting him to "meet so distinguished a visitor" etc, and then came out with this gem: "I am so happy, I am just right drunk." He was too. Then recently we had a big fire over in Kyoto which destroyed the oldest, largest and most historic railroad station in Japan. For a while it looked like a large part of the city would go. After the fire was checked I got a wire from the Mayor saying: "Fire now under control; burning perfectly".

Your remarks in re Reeder and Lanahan were interesting. I agree with you that either would make a good CSO, but what about Matejka? Is he not a candidate? And how about Lawton? I know nothing about the "political campaign" for the job, but a gonk from Washington who was out here recently and whom I saw in Tokyo told me that the appointment would be strictly a White House "directed verdict". If my friend was correct, Akin's recommendations to the board will have little weight. I am of the opinion that my friend knows what he is talking about.

I have already written too much, and do not want to bore you. Again many thanks for your information. As old Osmun used to say: "Keep me informed". With kindest regards and all good wishes for you and yours.

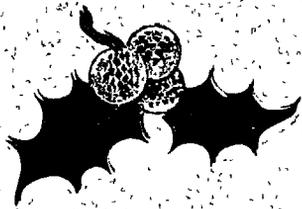
Sincerely,

BWB



From Tokyo
4 Dec 51

The Season's Greetings
and best wishes



Carter & Jessie Clarke

PEACE! May the Tri^o Blessing of a Trium^{ph}
Deity sustain you. Hope the close of
this "year of the Rabbit" finds you both
in perfect health and guided to with-
stand the strains and pressures the
fateful and momentous year ahead has
in store for us. We still like it here quite
well, although since the Peace Treaty there
has been a marked change in the atmosphere.
Stark is now out of Korea and on duty in
Tokyo, and as we can see him about
once a month that compensates for

the vibrations and discomfort
"New Japan".

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It irks my transverse colon to see all this drivel in the papers about the great impact we have made on the Japanese and how they have adopted the tenets of Democracy. A sweet kiss for the Duchess of Winchester, say?

Let me hear from you some time and give me all the info you feel at liberty to impart. I get dismal reports about the effect those jurisdictional struggles is having.

Best of every thing to you both.

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HEADQUARTERS
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14 November 1950

Dear Friedman:

I was recently rereading Churchill's "Grand Alliance" and find that he dwells at great length on the Congressional investigation into the Pearl Harbor tragedy. He also discourses at, in my opinion, too great length on the "Magics". He goes on to say that he is not complaining but stating, as a matter of fact, that although he eventually received from the Americans the results from the "Magic" effort, at least two or three days delay occurred before he got them and consequently the Americans always had better and more advanced information than he did. I am wondering about the accuracy of this statement. As a matter of fact, if my memory serves me correct it was in the fall, October I believe, of 1940 that, on orders of FDR, Rosen and others made their trip to London with certain equipment. Could I be wrong in this and it be 1941 instead of 1940? In either event, the British had available to them well in advance of Pearl Harbor all the information which we had at that time. Consequently I am wondering what the motives are in making such an inaccurate statement and in a place where he would get such wide publicity. I would be glad to hear from you on this and have my memory refreshed.

My spies tell me that all is not going well in the old haunts and that the inter-departmental jurisdictional squabbles are having a very deleterious effect on the effort.

Kindest regards and all good wishes for both you and that very lovely little lady who married you, I am

Sincerely,

EWB.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWESTERN COMMAND
APO 15
c/o FM, San Francisco, Calif.

27 September 1950

My dear Friedman:

Many thanks indeed for your thoughtfulness in sending me the clippings of Stub. As a matter of fact, although I have gotten several clippings, yours was the first one to reach me and I assure you that I am dearly grateful. We have not seen Stub since we have been out here, but unless the Chinese commies come in or the Ruskies throw down air, this thing in Korea should be over, except for mopping up, by 15 October.

I have a very fascinating assignment here and I am gaining an experience which I never expected to get even in my wildest dreams. As you probably know by now, we mounted up the Marines for the Inchon invasion here. The area of this command, which is comparable to that of a Corps Area of the old days rather than the Service Command, has been extended and the scope of the responsibilities expanded considerably. In a few days I am moving my headquarters from Kobe to Osaka where the command post, Southwestern Command, will be opened with APO 15. When I was in Tokyo last week I asked them why they didn't call this the Southern Command and they said that there was nothing south of Tokyo except water and if I wanted to command the whales to go to it. I then asked them if I was to be known as the Southwestern Command, why in hell I could not have my headquarters in El Paso; they did not think that was funny at all.

Will sign off now; thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Please remember me to anyone who will admit knowing me. With kindest regards and every good wish for you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

