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3932 Military Road  
Washington 15, D. C.  
22 October 1945

Dear Earle:

A few days ago I received the enclosed form to be filled out regarding a parcel. I do not remember sending any parcel to Elizebeth except the one which you sent for me containing the perfume we bought in Paris. I suspect that you had double wrappings put on it and that one of these some how came off in the Customs examination. When the package was finally forwarded the second wrapper must have been left behind. I cannot explain this in any other way and if you have no further information to add, I suggest this form be returned to the Headquarters, 11th Base Post Office with a notation that no action is required.

I am enclosing for your information and edification a clipping which I should have sent you some time ago. Frankly, I do not know what it means but there are possibilities as you can no doubt discern for yourself. I saw McCormack a few days after this announcement but we did not talk shop.

The reorganization pot is boiling and I think we are coming up with something definite very soon now. We had one of our night club sessions last Friday which lasted until midnight during which the matter was fairly well discussed.

You will recall that I attempted once to get together with my friend, James V. Bennett, who is normally Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, but at the same time I was in Europe he was over there too, and had an office in G-5 at Hochst. He was out when I tried to locate him. A few days ago we got together here and he told me that the Public Safety Officer of Regensburg, whose name he couldn't quite recall, had wanted to turn over to him a cryptographic device which he had found in an office in Regensburg. Bennett briefly described the thing to me and it appears worth going after. Please let me know what you find out.

Just before I left England for home I sent you some correspondence regarding the naming of the station occupied by the 116th R.I. Company. You will remember that I suggested to Lt. Bronschweig that it would be nice to name the place after Colonel Albright. He accepted the suggestion and asked me for some information about Colonel Albright. I sent this along to him through you for approval. Can you please tell me whether you forwarded it with your approval and if so I would like a copy of the correspondence so that I can inform Colonel Albright, or if you wish to, and I think it might be a very nice thing to do, you could write him a letter and tell him

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him how the thing happened. That is providing you accepted my suggestion.

I am still planning to urge the issuance of a semi-monthly information letter to you and I hope to get some action on this soon. In that way you can learn more things than I could possibly tell you in a personal letter.

I am still a bit under the weather but I hope to be out of it in another week or so. With best regards to all, I am,

Sincerely yours,

2 Enclosures:

1. P.O. Dept. Form & accompanying letter
2. Article re McCormack

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Commanding General (IS-1) *WPK*

Executive Officer (IS-1)

Dir of Comm Research (IS-3) ✓

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Fiscal O (IS-1B)

Administrative O (IS-2)

Post Adjutant (IS-2)

Intelligence O (IS-2)

Provost Marshal (IS-2)

2d Sig Serv Bn (IS-6)

Chief, Pers & Tng Div (IS-4)

Chief, Pers Br (IS-4A)

Chief, Tng Br (IS-4B)

Chief, O Pers Sec (IS-4C)

Chief, Oper Serv Div (IS-5)

Chief, Comm Br (IE)

Chief, Lab Br (ID)

Chief, Machine Br (IN)

Chief, Supply Br (IS-5A)

O/C SSA Mail Unit (IE-2C)

Chief, Security Div (IS-8)

Chief, Prot Sec Br (AP)

Chief, Crypt Mat Br (IC)

Chief, Equipment Br (IF)

Chief, Comm Sec Br (IS-8A)

Chief, Intelligence Div (IS-9)

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3932 Military Road  
Washington 15, D. C.

Dear Earle:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 24 September, including the interesting item in Stars and Stripes which you sent me. There has been a great deal of information leakage of this same sort here and everybody is more or less disturbed. It is hard to know what to do especially with the forthcoming investigation on.

George got back here last week and has been very busy as you may imagine with his work and getting oriented and organized. I talked with him briefly about the desirability of starting some sort of a regular information letter and he agrees that this would be a good thing. Just as soon as we can get squared away we probably will undertake something of that sort.

I still am struggling with that cold I got in Frankfurt and added on to that I got lumbago which has more or less put me out of commission for a number of days. I have really been working on about three cylinders, but I hope to be better in a day or two.

I am glad you sent the description of the trip to Jeanne, and I must ask her what she got out of it the next time I see her.

Naturally there are a lot of things that I might like to say, but will have to refrain from saying in a non-official letter of this sort. Things are interesting and moving with fits and starts. Maybe they will be straightened out soon. Travis, Tiltman, and Hinsley are here and there are powwows going on, but on a high level.

Thank you for keeping me in mind with regard to those requests and I will appreciate whatever you can do. With best regards from everybody, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Frankfurt  
24 September 45

Dear Billy,

Received your most welcome letter shortly after you had taken off for the States, and most of the requests contained therein have been taken care of by this time. I have not forgotten the Offenbach deal and if I get there will see what we can get for you.

I think you will enjoy (?) the enclosed though you undoubtedly have seen the information in print before this. I am most curious to know what happens as a result. Maybe someone capitalizes on the alleged disclosures and then again maybe someone gets shot.

Amin receipt of a most interesting letter from Red which I must answer but soon. Can appreciate that he is really having his problems there now and I think it was a good thing for you to return to give whatever help you can. The latter must be quite substantial, too. From the point of view from this end I have adopted the idea that everything must be directed towards being helpful in everyway to ASA and we are trying to remain calm and patient. But this is not the place for shop talk.

Almost the entire organization took off on a trip down the Rhine yesterday. You would have enjoyed it and although the boat was loaded (several organizations were on board) we really had a wonderful trip. In several spots it did look as though we would not get through what remained of a bridge but we did or this letter would not be written. The weather was cool and overcast which was the only unfortunate feature.

Hope you got rid of that cold, Billy, and that it gave you no serious trouble. Have been battling one myself here for a couple days but think it is licked. And at last report George Bicher was somewhat under the weather. Hope nothing serious.

Took the liberty of sending on to Jeanne your description of the trip. Have not heard from her since she received it but told her you could probably clarify anything that needed amplification. Hope I was not presumptuous.

Would appreciate hearing from you any time you have a few minutes in which to dash off a line.

Sincerely,  


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19 September 1945

Dear Earle:

I arrived home safely last Friday morning after a rather long journey, or at least it seemed long. We started off from Prestwick to go to Iceland, but had to turn back when more than half way there on account of improper landing conditions. Then we left Prestwick again, after a brief rest, for the Azores which was quite a long hop of twelve hours. We spent a few hours there and then took off for Bermuda which was another long hop of about twelve hours. Finally, after a short interval, we journeyed to New York just ahead of the heavy storm. I arrived there in the early hours of Friday morning and took a train to Washington.

Everybody is much taken up here with reorganizational matters and problems and we hope to have things settled to a large extent in a few weeks. I sent you word in a telegram yesterday about George, who developed some sort of infection in one leg as a result of scratching a blister. This has delayed his return by at least one week or possibly two, which I think is unfortunate in view of the matters which he was suppose to handle on the reorganization.

In connection with the latter, I think that the establishment of the ASA on the War Department level is going to be a very fine thing except for one fact in my opinion, namely, over in the Navy the work is all organized under the Communications people, and in our setup it will be under Military Intelligence, and for this reason I imagine that there may be many difficulties in regard to Army-Navy relations in the future. In connection with the latter, I think you may be interested to know that an amalgamation was ordered in writing by the highest authorities, but at the last moment the Navy backed out for reasons best known to themselves, and the whole matter is now in abeyance for an indefinite period.

It may interest you to know that our deep secrets are beginning to leak out rather badly at the top, and what with the forthcoming joint congressional investigation of Pearl Harbor, I am fearful that there won't be much left to hide within a short time. I have been particularly amazed by the open references now appearing in the press about solution of the "Japanese code", and it seems that every newspaper man is beginning to dig away and get information.

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On Monday morning Red took off for a week's leave. He didn't look any too well and I imagine that he must have felt it essential to get away or he wouldn't have taken it at this critical time. Jones was promoted to full colonel. Walker and Jimmy Green were promoted to lieutenant colonel. There has been a number of other promotions of no particular interest to you.

We have lost quite a number of people by resignations, but not as many as I had thought would be the case, and we still have quite a staff. Everybody is in a dither to know what the future holds forth both for military and civilian personnel, and until definite plans are made I think it will be difficult for most people to make up their minds what to do. Jim Slack has already left and his place has been taken by Frier.

Ticom in the Pacific is not going too well if we are to judge by the fact that so far we have not received a single word from the operation except one telegram which came through from a Navy source not directly connected with the Ticom organization. We are going to try to get them on the ball or if they are on the ball we are going to try to get the results.

Keller is still here, but Ragland has gone.

I called up Jean of course and gave her your greeting the day I got home. I also saw her this morning at the bank. She looks fine.

I must not close this letter without again thanking you for your many courtesies and the opportunity to be with you on my recent visit to the theater. With cordial greetings to everybody, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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