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Dear Charlie:

I am very much indebted to you for your nice letter of 2 December and for the enclosure of the 35 millimeter film. I think it will suit my purposes very well.

By this time, no doubt, Earle has brought back a first-hand report on everything in Washington and I will not attempt to add anything of my own at the moment. I know a bit about what some of your troubles are like due to shortages of personnel and I won't undertake to tell you our own headaches in the same line.

I don't know what living conditions are like there, but I imagine that you could use a log fire or two now and then.

Did you have as nice a Christmas as you anticipated in your letter. I hope you did, and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and all the rest the best of everything for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

Received your letter several weeks ago and it appears I am a very bad correspondent. I have been meaning to write but for some reason I just didn't seem to make it.

I am enclosing the negative of the picture of you. It is on 35mm film and it isn't too good. You are welcome to it however.

I expect with Earl there you have all the latest dope. I don't know that I can add much more. I really believe we have something in the new organization but if we don't implement it with some people we won't ever know because we won't even be able to try it. We here are at the point now where the loss of a couple of dozen people will bring the whole organization down like a house of cards. This is probably all old stuff since it is doubtless what Earl has been telling all of you. I won't bore you with the sorry details.

Things so pretty well here with us. Of course

with the boss away we are mighty busy. That, however, is to be expected. It is getting pretty cold now and I guess winter is finally here to stay. I only hope it is a mild one because it isn't going to add anything to the pleasures around here if we really have a tough one.

I expect Christmas will be a lot nicer this year than it was last. We were restricted to our billets in Paris last year since it was at the time of the "Buck them" and they were afraid of spies or something. I hope we can get some Christmas trees for the men and if possible we are going to have a Tea Dance for the GI's during Christmas week.

I listened to the Army Navy football game Saturday evening. It certainly was a good game even with the one-sided score. The reception was exceptionally good - you could almost smell the hot dogs.

Well I guess I had best stop now. A Merry Christmas to you, Mrs. Friedman and your family. Please give my regards to those I know who are left around the office.

Sincerely,

Charlie