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Colonel William F. Friedman  
3801 Nebraska Avenue  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Colonel Friedman:

Colonel Horridge and I have been assisting Colonel Bessell in planning for your lectures and we are happy to see that everything is working out successfully.

During your visit we can arrange any kind of accommodations you may wish; and if for any reason you would prefer not to visit a private home we could make a hotel reservation for you. However, there is a very comfortable guest room in my quarters, and Mrs. Nicholas and I shall be pleased and honored if you will be our house-guest while you are at West Point. Therefore, this is to invite you to visit us. My house stands on the hill near the Cadet Chapel, well removed from the busy part of the post; and I feel sure that you will find our guest room quiet, convenient, and comfortable.

If you come by private automobile, I suggest that you arrive early enough on the 27th to permit you to relax a few hours and have a leisurely early dinner with us before your 7:00 p.m. lecture on Bacon vs. Shakespeare.

On the evening of May 28th we plan to have a small dinner party, and we shall invite some of the faculty members and their wives to meet you at dinner that evening.

A business suit will be entirely correct during all phases of the visit, and there is no need to include a tuxedo. It is customary for lecturers who visit here to wear a business suit for their lectures as well as for social engagements.

The lecture hall we have reserved for all three lectures is the Military Art and Engineering Lecture Room. This is substantially identical in size and all other important respects with the Electricity Lecture Room. It is equipped with standard screen and projecting equipment. In this connection, could you let us know in advance the size of your slides, and any other technical details which may have a bearing on the use of the projecting equipment?

Also, do you have in mind a specific title for your morning lectures to the cadets? It helps us occasionally, in announcements and correspondence, to have a title for reference purposes.

I have not driven my automobile from West Point to Washington recently. However, I understand that the New Jersey Turnpike makes the trip much quicker and easier than in former years.

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Incidentally, Mrs. Nicholas and I had a brief visit from General and Mrs. Gillmore recently. He had just come back from Korea and they drove East in a new Buick. They stopped here for about an hour en-route to New York, which in turn was en-route to Fort Bragg where General Gillmore is now stationed. He looked exceedingly well, and seemed glad to have completed his sojourn in Korea.

We are all looking forward to your lectures with intense interest, and I am sure that they will be an exceptional educational opportunity for the audiences. If there is anything we can do to help your plans for the trip, ~~or if there are local transportation arrangements you would like to have made,~~ please let me know.

Very sincerely,



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