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Mr. Larry I. Bland
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Dear Mr. Bland:

Upon his return from the recent visit of the NSA team to the Marshall Research Foundation, the representative of this office, Mr. Russ Fisher, conveyed to me your request for a large number of our Special Research Histories.

While we are anxious to be as helpful and cooperative as we possibly can in this respect, we hope that you can appreciate that it is actually the function of the National Archives to provide material such as you have requested to organizations like yours. In this spirit, however, we have carefully considered the items you requested, and on the basis of subject matter, applicability to the tenure of General Marshall as Chief of Staff, and the original source of the information contained---as well as our work load and the costs involved---we have made what we consider to be an equitable and fair selection of items, which we are forwarding to you under separate cover.


Because Mr. John Taylor of the NARS Modern Military Branch has agreed to expedite as much as possible your current requests to them, we have deleted those items from your request to us. We would respectfully suggest that your desires for other items, which we consider to be peripheral using the criteria noted above, be expressed to Mr. Taylor.

I regret that we are unable to provide everything you requested, but hope you will understand our position. I trust that the material which we are supplying will be helpful to your scholars and researchers. I will initiate action to insure that you are provided with current copies of our indexes as they are released, and suggest that your researchers be referred to Record Group 457 at NARS for access to SRHs not held at Lexington.

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We will, in addition, attempt to provide to you a copy of any future SRH which we consider appropriate for inclusion in the papers of General Marshall.

Sincerely,


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Chief, Archives and History


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cc: Q43, Mr. Levin
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M/R: During our TDY to the Marshall Foundation, Lexington, VA., to review the papers in the General Marshall S. Carter Collection, Mr. Bland provided us with a list of SRHs which he felt would be of benefit to scholars researching the papers of General George C. Marshall. The total number of items he requested was 80 SRHs consisting of almost 7,000 pages. Using the criteria stated in our reply, we have reduced these numbers to 22 SRHs totalling about 1,000 pages. We deleted those items which were almost wholly Navy-related, as well as most of the requested items which were over 100 pages in length. We also deleted those items which Mr. Bland had previously requested from Mr. Taylor at NARS. The latter will make an attempt to expedite NARS action on Mr. Bland's request.

This letter has been coordinated with Mr. Taylor and with Mr. Levin, Q43.


R.G. Fisher, T5413, 972-2268s, 25 Apr 83, pac