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My dear Bernhard:



It was good to talk to you on the phone and I apologize for my delay in answering your note of the 29th of August. However, as you can imagine, I have been going around in circles trying to close up here and get things moved to Washington.

Your comments on the new job are very much to the point. Quite frankly, I do not look forward to it with any pleasure but it is one that has to be done and I finally agreed to take it after strenuous efforts to escape. Had it not been as the shooting started in Korea, I would not have said "yes", but in a situation like the present, one has to do as he is told.

I think I was right about the tie club matter, but I'll keep my finger on our friend's pulse and if he seems to be taking it hard, I'll let you know. In that case, the gift of the tie might be appropriate--after all he has done a lot for Ashwin and there aren't very many people here who would recognize your "regimental stripes".

I think it very likely that I might be in Europe in time to shoot some of your pigs but I'll have to let you know later.

Tell Annie to call me when she gets here.

Faithfully, your friend,

IS/Bedell

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