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Allied Powers Europe
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P E R S O N A L

Dear Bedell:

My grateful thanks for your very informative letter. While my reply will be brief, I do want you to know that I share your opinion of Andre Meyer. When he was Minister of Finance I considered him one of the finest French officials that I had met. I was definitely sorry to see him leave office. Quite naturally I also share your good opinion of Koenig. Incidentally, he and I are members of the same Academy in the French Institute.

The other day I met a very impressive young man of the DeGaulle group. He is the Mayor of Bordeaux and earned the rank of General in the Resistance Movement. He is named Chaban-Delmas. Possibly you have a complete dossier on him, but I have the definite feeling that he is a man to watch.

There is little danger that Charlie Ritz will get me involved in making fishing a science. I am simply too blankety-blank busy. If I ever get hold of a rod again, I think it will be because of some special dispensation which I cannot at this moment foresee. I do not mean to sound pessimistic, but I don't know when I am going to dig out from under the work and commitments that now confront me.

As ever,

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P. S. I am particularly grateful for the evaluation you gave me on the two men who were representing their organizations in this region. Since I can find in your latest letter nothing particularly explosive I am keeping it in my confidential files rather than destroying it, as I did the first one.

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