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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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Dear Bedell:

There is very little that I can put on a piece of paper that would express the degree of admiration that I have for the tremendous service you have rendered to this country. I have been in a position to see more clearly than most and know what has been done. You can afford to take deep satisfaction in your contribution to our country.

My association with you has been one that has broadened me. It is my intention that, irrespective of what you may be doing or what I may be doing, I will make an effort to see that our friendship is in no sense of the word permitted to lapse. Naturally, I wish for you all of the fine things that you deserve in your new and difficult assignment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank".

Frank Pace, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

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