

October 23, 1953

My dear Bill:

I did indeed receive your letter of March 24, but I did not reply to it as I thought it was a pro forma thing prepared possibly by one of the clerks in your office. It seemed to me that as there are only about a dozen Generals, active and retired, on the Army list, the detailed records of their service might be known even to The Adjutant General's Department.

I am asking the Executive Secretariat of the Department of State to complete the work sheet you sent me and return it to your office. However, in answer to your specific question, my most significant duty assignment was probably that of Chief of Staff of the Allied Expeditionary Forces from 1942 to 1945. This service involved active operations in Europe under command of an officer named General Dwight D. Eisenhower, of whom your Department probably has heard.

My most important civil employment is not as indicated in the work sheet, but is dependent on how you define the term civilian, either that of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or that of Director of corporate boards of Corning Glass Corporation, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, and various other corporate organizations.

I am also a graduate of the Army Horseshoers School.

Sincerely,



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