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Dr. Jack M. Messner



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Dear Dr. Messner,

In your recent letter you asked for a biographical sketch. I am, like so many others, reluctant to state life's data, but the following may serve your purpose.

Native of Tennessee. Graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1933, receiving a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. After various assignments in the United States served a tour of duty in the Philippines until 1941. Returned to the Pacific area in 1942 and saw action in the Fiji Islands, the New Hebrides, the Solomons and the Philippines. Wounded in action in the Philippines in April 1945 and hospitalized until retirement in February 1947. Decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Commendation Ribbon. Have worked with C.I.A. since 1947.

It will be a pleasure to talk to you and your associates on the evening of 17 January 1957.

Sincerely yours,

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

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