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Letter from EUFRACIO

1. Attached is a copy of a letter which Wilfred O. CLOWER received on the night of 9 June 1954 from Eufracio.
2. The original letter complete with key is being forwarded to [] for ONTRICH. True copies are being forwarded to Lincoln and Headquarters.
3. CLOWER reports that Eufracio's morale is very high and that he and his helpers are anxious, willing and apparently able to make a great contribution to the cause. It would be greatly appreciated if CALLIGERIS could forward a short note to Eufracio; this for morale purposes since it is very hard on him to remain holed up and in enforced idleness during these difficult times. Naturally I have passed fictitious messages of appreciation from CALLIGERIS to him which have tended to keep up his morale.
4. Wilfred O. CLOWER has done an outstanding job in his contacts with Eufracio, Escobilla and Secant. Since their morale was very low after the Semantic flap, it was necessary for him to "spin a few tales" including statements to the effect that he, CLOWER, had previously been in [] that he knows ONTRICH and CADICK, and that he had also met CALLIGERIS briefly at one time. All this was told them not only for purposes of authentication but also to give a little more weight to his words of hope and encouragement. Apparently Eufracio and the others have been very highly impressed by CLOWER and they have tended to look to him for encouragement, instructions, and guidance. In all cases he has given instructions only when such had to be given to prevent them from incurring some risk which he considered to be foolhardy or impractical.
5. In view of the above, I would greatly appreciate O NTRICH giving Semantic, Secant and any of the others who have or may go to [] and who have been in contact with CLOWER the story that CLOWER is a trusted and skilled CALLIGERIS representative.

Enclosure: as noted

10 June 1954

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