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c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Bill:

I am very sorry that I was unable to see you when passing through Hawaii on my recent trip. I called at your office on my way over, but you were busy with Secretary Royall. On my way back I was in Honolulu on February 22, which happened to be a holiday, so again I missed you.

I did want to discuss a few things with you regarding the medical set-up at Eniwotok. Everything seems to be going very well out there. The health of the Command is excellent. The present Surgeon, Lt. Colonel Aldwin complained that some of the men arrived there for station in need of dental treatment. He showed me the records of four men with dental caries; one with 6, one with 4, and two with 2. These men informed him they were told that their teeth would be cared for when they arrived at Eniwotok. Of course, you know this is impossible. I wonder if you would be kind enough to check on this matter. He also told me of two cases with chronic middle ear disease, one of which had to be evacuated.

On the whole his supplies seemed to be coming through pretty well, although there were a few items which he needed badly. I suggested he send you an emergency requisition covering these items. The x-ray developing tank is inadequate, and I suggested that he ask for a field unit with a cooling unit. In case this equipment is not available in Honolulu, I am sure the Surgeon General's Office will be glad to furnish one for you.

I hope things are going well with you, and that you and your family are enjoying your tour in Hawaii.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

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