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AIR MAIL

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Dear Bob:

I have received your letter of January 7 and am glad to learn the Army has allocated a house for your use. Personnel action, assigning you to Berlin and Frankfurt, made it possible to compute your quarters allowance on the basis of combined expenditures. In order that an increased quarters allowance can be granted you promptly if expenditures are incurred at Frankfurt, your dual assignment will not be changed at this time.

Please accept my thanks for the personal reference in your letter. With best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Peurifoy  
Assistant Secretary

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The Honorable  
Robert D. Murphy,  
United States Political Adviser,  
Berlin.

*10 Feb. 49 - Peurifoy, John.*

PERSONAL  
& CONFIDENTIAL

Berlin, January 7, 1949.

Dear Jack:

Remembering your confidential letter of August 15 and the Department's L448 of August 13 in which you were kind enough to authorize for me a separate rent allowance for the maintenance of a residence at Frankfurt in addition to that at Berlin, I am glad to tell you that thus far it has not been necessary to make any expenditures under this heading. I was able to arrange with the Army for the allocation to me of a house but I have not been required to pay rental pending actual use of the premises. On my weekly trips to Frankfurt I use hotel quarters. You will recall that this allowance was made because of the uncertain situation in Berlin. I suggest that, under the circumstances, the allowance might be cancelled. Should developments require, I would then take the liberty of asking you for a new allowance.

At the same time, this gives me an opportunity to extend to you warmest wishes for your success and happiness during 1949.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Murphy

The Honorable  
John E. Peurifoy,  
Assistant Secretary for  
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