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Paris, March 31, 1945.

Dear Doc:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate all your helpfulness. It was grand to see a little bit of you and to observe you in your leisure moments.

You might tell Tommy that he lost his opportunity to see that airplane because when we left it at the airfield here at Orly Thursday evening it was rather twisted out of recognition. Our pilot misjudged the strip and we ended up in a small ditch which didn't do the motors and a considerable portion of the plane very much good. As the plane was one of those sporting jobs which did not provide safety belts everybody went head over heels with resultant discomfort.

The military situation is of course rapidly moving toward a climax. Our reconnaissance team which is supposed to go in and establish controls over the German ministries has been alerted to go on a 48 hour basis. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival this afternoon of Jack McCloy and hope that we may have some interesting conversations in the coming days. If a sprained back will permit I hope to accompany Jack on his tour into Germany which will permit of first-hand picture of conditions. I am also sending Don Heath into Germany. I hope that he can get to Frankfurt and I think that I shall have Jake go in farther north.

You will be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Massigli regarding the appointment of Jacques Tarbe de Saint Hardouin as Political Adviser to the French member of the Control Council. The French mission now includes Saint Hardouin and Kutz, both old friends from Algiers, Jacques

Rueff

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Rueff and Muselier. It looks in a small way as though the wheel is beginning to turn.

With repeated thanks and warm regards to Frisk and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

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