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AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

*Rep May 20/44*

Dear Bob:

Doc Matthews, whom we met at the Airport a day or so ago with the Under Secretary and who looks fine and apparently greatly enjoyed his brief visit with you and the trip to the Azores, brought back a copy of your 483 of April 27 describing your conversation with the King, the meeting of the Advisory Council and other questions. The original has not yet reached us. The despatch was most interesting and enlightening and gave us the supplementary picture of the situation as described in your telegrams of the time.

John Wiley's nomination for Ed Wilson's job has gone to the White House and I suppose the announcement will be made in a few days. He is taking his shots and tells me he expects to get off within three or four weeks if all goes well. Irene will go with him, and apparently he has not for the moment any longer range view than the Algiers job, although I should think obviously he would move over to Paris, at least for a time, if and when. I am having lunch with him next week and he is anxious to talk over the staff situation.

Jack Erhardt leaves tomorrow night for California, partly for a rest and ostensibly to deliver some addresses. Jack is not in very good condition and I think needs to get away for a while. He has been a little concerned in the past few days by Service reactions to the new Foreign Service Bill, with the general terms of which you are familiar, and whose most criticized provision is No. 5 which

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Allied Theatre Commander,  
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would permit the entry of up to five per cent of the present Service strength from outside the Service. The Bill is, however, already under discussion in Committee in Congress and most of us feel that any effort to alter individual provisions at this late date might be unfortunate and that there are so many improvements incorporated in the Bill which we need that the general effect will be beneficial, despite article 5. Of course, the argument for article 5 is that if we do not broaden and strengthen the Service without delay, the Administration will yield to pressure from other directions and perhaps set up parallel organizations to handle some of our work.

We are hoping that Johnny Jones will be on his way back here before too long as we anticipated that he would remain in Naples about two weeks. Things on the Italian desk are moving along fairly well but we miss him.

Miss Bonney has been badgering me again. She has called on General Greenbaum, in charge of the Public Relations business in the War Department here, and been told by him that a request must come through from the French. She therefore called on the appropriate official in the French Delegation in Washington and he is wiring General Bethouart. She said that she assumed that General Bethouart would consult with you, and I tried to impress it upon her that you had really gone out of your way to do what you had already done, that these questions were matters handled purely by the military authorities in North Africa and that you should not be imposed upon further. However, I said that you had been most sympathetic and helpful, and she said to tell you that she appreciated this and also what I had tried to do, and what Mrs. Shipley had tried to do at an earlier stage, and that whatever publicity she might eventually give to this whole business if she continued to be blocked would be directed against the War Department and not against the State Department. If the French or the American military do get in touch with you again, I think it might be helpful to have Horner give her whatever boost he can. No doubt it would be disagreeable in many ways to have a woman over there as a correspondent, but Miss Bonney is, because of her reputation and ability, rather in a class by herself, and underlying all this business is the substantial help many of us feel she can provide in the improvement of Franco-American relations.

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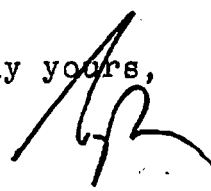
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I have written Offie and have written you several times lately. Tyler is working in the Secretary's office on the night shift and awaiting the completion of his shots and transportation, but I assume that he should be off in another two weeks. The telegram assigning Offie completely to your staff was garbled as you probably noticed because Penn's handwriting didn't seem to be legible to somebody in the Code Room. However, that has been straightened out since. We are just now waiting to get your reaction on the telegram sent you on Reinhardt, after consultation with Bohlen.

I hope that when some of your Army officer friends come over here on temporary missions you will ask them to get in touch with me before they go back. Otherwise I am not likely to see them.

I had dinner with Mother at Mildred's a few evenings ago, and she and the two girls seem in excellent health and spirits. They are talking about joining you in the fall.

Sincerely yours,



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By 1500 Date 8/7/13

May 20, 1944.

Dear Hugh:

I was delighted to receive your personal and confidential letter of May 6. Beaulac is visiting me here and returning within the next few days. He will be able to give you all our news.

I have noted your reference to John Wiley and look forward with great pleasure to seeing John for whom I have great affection. I consider him a very able officer and respect his knowledge of European affairs particularly.

Johnny Jones has not yet returned from Naples. I shall, however, see him either here when he does pass through or in Naples. I plan to proceed to Naples on May 25 with Mr. Macmillan and Colonel Spofford for some conversations on the economic side of the picture.

I am again taking up the matter of Miss Therese Bonney with MacChrystal who has now returned from London. I shall hope to report some progress.

I am very pleased indeed over the decision regarding Freddie Reinhardt, and thank you for your support in the matter.

I am so glad that you and your Mother saw Mildred.

All the best to you.

Yours ever,

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 WASHINGTON

May 16, 1944

AIR MAIL

Dear Bob:

Your letter of May 6 and Offie's of May 8 have just arrived and at the same time.

Ed Wilson, as you know by this time, has been made Director of the Office of Political Affairs which is something that was set up under the Department's reorganization order of January 15 but had been running along without a head since and under Jimmy Dunn's general direction. Harley Notter will be Ed's principal assistant. I have not seen Ed since he assumed his duties a day or so ago but understand that Edith is assured of recovery, although the latter will be long, while he himself is feeling considerably better.

I am not able to say much about the John Wiley business except that the threat of violent attack by Lippmann and reports that the French themselves would view the appointment in a very adverse manner caused the thing to be called off before it was approved across the street. I am afraid that John himself talked too much in quarters where he was not assured of friendship and support. At any rate nothing more is said about it, nobody is supposed to know about it, and as far as I know the question of a candidate is being held in abeyance for the immediate future. John may not be definitely ruled out, but I suspect so.

We have had Winant and Harriman here and a great deal of incident excitement and of course the opening of the big push in Italy has electrified things.

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The Honorable  
 Robert D. Murphy,  
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I am glad that we were able to push through the Reinhardt assignment to you eventually. I drafted several things and finally the last one went through. Bohlen of course feels very strongly that Freddie must be considered as primarily a Russian specialist and in view of the scarcity of this product is reluctant to have Freddie divorced in any way from an active Russian assignment. Jimmy feels strongly that you should have a good build up and the proper people to work with and we are all fully aware that your staff has been depopulated and that you have very few people to help you.

A telegram is going off to Kirk today to inquire when Johnny returns as the load is getting pretty heavy and Hill has not the background which Johnny had and is also not as sympathetic to the Italians as would seem desirable on that desk and I think, although a good draftsman and very intelligent, too emotional and too in need of guidance and restraint. Anyway he will be on his way to Algiers in a few days.

I have heard nothing further with regard to Travers and imagine he will stay right where he is for the time.

I am sorry that Schott outlined so strongly in that recent telegram the social requirements and fixtures and drink and so on which Tyler should take with him. Tyler will naturally be unable to carry on in the social state which Schott employed so successfully and which he was apparently able to pay for. However I guess that will all work out and I have somehow visualized Tyler eventually turning up on your own staff.

Carmel asked where Merrill was. Merrill left here two or three weeks ago and I hope that his plane or whip or whatever he went on did not go down.

Pat Wiley has apparently not landed the job in the Red Cross. He has gone out to Walla Walla, Washington, to visit his little daughter, recently married. He dropped in to see me before his departure but unfortunately collided with Therese Bonney and, as they hate each other cordially, we were not able to talk very satisfactorily. I have heard from other sources that Pat is trying to get a job with UNRA. I hope to be able to give you more information at a later date. In the meantime Walter has not returned from Antofagasta and I suspect that in view of

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General Hershey's decision not to draft men of his age in the predictable future where they are on more or less essential jobs, he may either stay where he is or get something else in another post.

Therese Bonney came up from New York after I gave her the substance of your letter to me of a few weeks ago and then barged over to see the military people (General Greenbaum). She was not given much satisfaction over there and is more and more convinced that the military authorities are trying to ditch her. I did not personally intervene as I thought perhaps we were going about far enough in view of the fact that General Greenbaum told her that Algiers would be approached again. If you could make inquiry about the thing over there, through one of your staff from time to time, perhaps a favorable reply to the War Department telegram and her revived application would come along. She is very sore, but she feels that you have gone out of your way to be helpful and thinks that I have also taken a real interest in the matter and is sold on the idea that the question is in the hands of the military with little that the Department can do.

I deplore your pirating of Miss Jacobs but have finally consented to let her go, although she is the best stenographer we have had on that special job and Reams is very reluctant to have her depart and we are having great difficulty in finding a replacement. I confess that your own feelings in the matter did not in this rare instance influence me as much as hers as she has had family difficulties, a disappointment and is so distressed and upset that it was obviously the only thing for her to do to get out of here into a new scene. You are lucky to get her. I assume that you are getting her as I wrote a strong memorandum to FP when I found that she had been accepted into the Auxiliary Service and told them that her one and only desire was to go to Algiers. I said that we were sorry to have her leave and felt that since she was going she should most definitely go to you as you had asked for her, knew her work and needed her.

There isn't much else to say here except that Mildred was fine when I last called her and the girls were all right and that I am going to write Offie in a day or so.

I am hoping to see some of your officer friends here on the way out. *Be sure to have them see me before returning to Algiers.*

Marguerite

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Marguerite is back with Ethel at Wilton and I will write her that you are doing your best but that nothing has developed yet and will suggest that she fill out the application form and send it over to you. I will also try to urge her to wait until France reopens.

Affectionate regards to you and to Offie and best wishes to Norden.

Sincerely yours

*WJH*  
I am glad Offie is going to see Admiral Mowat.  
He and his family are charming people.



July 7, 1944.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Hugh:

I was delighted to receive your letter of June 20 and to learn that you had sense enough to take even a short week's leave in the country. If you will take an old man's advice, you should repeat this procedure at the earliest possible moment if what I hear about Washington hot weather is at all accurate.

I am glad to have the low-down from you regarding Jack Horner. Basically, Jack wants to get home to his family and I can well sympathize with him in this regard. I like Jack very much and he has been and is being useful to me. I would not at all object to his remaining with us here; in fact, I should very much welcome it. However, as his original contract called for a temporary stay I think he is entitled to consideration. In the meantime, I shall ask him to be patient and I have just sent him over to Naples for a few days to take care of some administrative details of our forthcoming move to Italy. At last, after twenty months in Algiers, Allied Force Headquarters is more or less on its way.

I note with the greatest interest your comments regarding the discussions in the Department on the subject of the future Paris staff. In that connection this might be an opportune moment to mention to you that while John Hrones and Simone Hardy have consented to continue on with me in Italy temporarily, as you know their objective is return to Paris at the earliest. I have promised them that I shall do whatever I can to assist them in arriving there, and naturally they want some assurance that moving to Italy will not sidetrack them and mean that all the good positions in Paris will be gobbled up by others. However, I am sure that you will agree with me that in that respect they need have no fear as their qualifications and experience in Paris will be the best guarantee of the proper kind of assignment there. However, please bear this actively in mind.

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establishment of the Balkan Air Force Command at Bari, together with its Policy Committee and the demand for political advice regarding Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece, makes of Bari temporarily an interesting listening post and a useful field. I believe Norden and Merrill can handle this situation expeditiously, and will, and I shall therefore hope that Norden's health will permit him to get on with it. At present we are using OSS communications as we have no cipher set-up as yet.

Of course, in respect of Bari there is on the part of the British a distinct competition between the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, and Cairo. No punches are spared although the greatest courtesy is observed. There is no question that the war has moved away from Cairo and Balkan affairs will be handled more and more from Bari.

About the city of Rome, you may want to tell Doc and Jimmie and Johnny that the Department's attitude regarding the use of the city as headquarters is the source of great disappointment to the British. In fact, a great many of their top officers are furious about it. They proceed from the assumption that the Germans today are incapable of attacking the city of Rome. Therefore, if there is no danger, why should not the facilities of the city be used to the best Allied advantage. They feel that we are being too "sissy pants". Kirk, on the other hand, swings way over to the other end of the pendulum and does not want to see any Allied uniforms in the city. In fact, when I talk with Buffy I sometimes wonder who it was that declared war on December 7, 1941. I suppose that it is perfectly natural for Buffy's emotions to well over when he meets old and dear Italian friends who have unquestionably suffered, at least morally, as a result of a war in which I am sure many of them did not participate gladly. However and unfortunately, the souvenir of thousands of Americans killed as a result of Italian participation in the war, together with all that cost our country, just cannot be laughed off.

You ask what might be the German reaction toward the preservation of Paris and other cities if we should use Rome for military purposes. Rome will inevitably be used for military purposes, if for nothing else than the transit of military supplies and troops, as it is on the only main line on the Tyrrhenian coast. The use of this railway line is essential for the military. I am convinced that this use of the Rome area has absolutely no relation to the preservation of Paris, in regard to which the Germans will be guided solely by military considerations. If they choose to defend Paris, which I doubt exceedingly, what we do in Rome will make no difference.

Miss Jacobs is fine and after a dash of nostalgia begins to like work over here. She sends her regards to you and her friends in EUR.

All the best to you.

Yours ever

August 10, 1944.

SECRET & PERSONAL.

Dear Hugh:

Offie has shown me your letter of July 20 and I am pleased to have all the news it contains.

I am first of all grateful to you for having supported the suggestion regarding Hrones and Hardy.

I note what you say regarding Herve L'Heureux. I don't know who circulated the information that Herve was in bad physical shape. In my opinion, he is not. At one time he was tired and run down, but when I left him in Algiers he seemed to be very much himself and I am sure that you will agree, now that you have seen him. I gave him the best efficiency report I could devise. I am grateful to him for all his loyal cooperation.

I have written to you separately regarding Carl Norden, who returned to Bari yesterday, and I feel that his week's stay with me here has improved matters. I find he needs encouragement and support.

I am delighted that Pat Wiley has got a job with the War Shipping Administration.

Sam Reber will have given you the bulk of our current news. At the moment Marshal Tito is with us here and I shall write you the story after his visit has been concluded. There are some amusing features to it.

Yours ever,

(Signed): ROBERT D. MURPHY.

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August 11, 1944.

SECRET & PERSONAL.

Dear Hugh:

I was delighted to receive your newsy letter of July 20. Bob has already written you with regard to certain matters in it, but I want to send you a brief word from myself.

I was very distressed to learn that Loy Henderson's family has had so much bad luck. I do hope that things are improving. Loy is so sensitive that I am afraid this sort of thing upsets him terribly and does not do him any good.

I talked with WCB about the Chinese servant and he told me not to bother about it at all as he does not have any obligation in the matter. Apparently the Chinese servant was wished off on him by John Wiley and was with the Boss only a very short time.

If things go on at the present rate you will soon be packing your bags, and the sooner you do the happier I shall be.

I was very glad to hear that Pat Wiley is happily installed.

Bob received a letter from his family saying that they were having a grand time at the farm and if one is to judge by the letter they feel as though they are in Paradise.

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I refuse to say anything about my sister Teresa for the simple reason that she never takes my advice anyhow, and inasmuch as she has gotten along thus far in life without me I think that she can continue to do so. I hope, however, that she will be able to do what she thinks she would like to.

I note what you say about Hrones and Mrs. Hardy, and Bob is very pleased that the question of their prompt assignment to Paris when the time comes seems to be settled.

I echo what you say about Hrones being useful in any capacity he can be fitted into. Indeed, I heartily recommend that you reserve for him some important assignment in an executive capacity, for you can be sure that he will do a bang-up job no matter what the assignment may be.

Incidentally, Hrones would like very much to have his wife and child sent over to Paris with the first batch of personnel that will be going over, but he is afraid that, when the time comes, Mrs. Shipley may once again refuse to issue a passport to his 10-year old daughter because of so-called war conditions, etc. If there is any trouble about all this, perhaps you could arrange to give Mrs. Hrones a temporary assignment on the clerical staff. She is an American citizen, speaks English well enough to hold down a job, and would give a good account of herself, I am sure, in the Disbursing Office for instance, for which sort of work she has a liking. She has been working for the French Mission in Washington for the past seven months on that sort of a job and in order to get over to France promptly with the first batch of personnel, would be very happy to accept a temporary assignment on the clerical staff, and such an assignment would probably obviate any difficulties.

Just one more thing on the Paris clerical situation. I want to call your attention to the case of Mr. Charles V. Friedmann, a code clerk whom we brought over with us from Algiers. He was slated, I believe, to go to Paris with Chapin's staff, but at the last moment we needed a good code clerk so badly to sort of take charge of our Code Room that we just had to take him with us. He stated at the time that he hoped very much to be able to go to Paris and I promised him that when the time came I would put in a good word for him. This is it. He is an intelligent chap of about 30 whose loyal and conscientious cooperation can always be counted upon and who would be a useful addition to any clerical staff. You would do well to put him on your Paris list.

Military . . .

Military events are moving very rapidly and by the time this note reaches you will, I am sure, be moving along even more rapidly, so that I fully envisage AFHQ being absorbed sooner or later by SHARP. I spoke to Bob about this matter only a couple of days ago and asked him what he thought would happen to us if and when this should occur. He could, of course, only guess, but I do think he ought to be going home soon on a brief trip to take stock of the situation and endeavor to ascertain what the future has in store.

I hope that Washington is not too intolerable this summer and that you and your mother are well. It must be a genuine pleasure to you to have the farm as an escape.

Every possible good wish and again my heartiest thanks for your letter.

Yours ever,

(Signed): CARMEL OFFIE.

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July 20, 1944

AIR MAIL

Dear Carmel:

*Ack. Aug. 10, 1944.*  
*" Aug. 11, 1944.*

Bob is so busy that I appreciated his long letter of, I think, July 6 in which he went in some detail into the Hrones matter and Simone Hardy. I took the liberty of lifting that section out of the latter and sending it over to Pen Davis and Frost. Also, following Chapin's brief trip over here, I have followed up with Consuelo Lehmann his request that she be sent over to assist Loren Carroll, the idea being that she would go on back to Paris when the move is made. She has a child now but is prepared to leave her with her parents here in Washington and her husband is now, as you probably know, a French army officer over in North Africa. I do not know whether this will go through as John Begg, for whom she is working, will be very reluctant to let her go. She worked for Kippy Tuck in the press office in Paris years ago. You may not remember ~~her~~

Tell Bob that the Hrones thing is all right but that I think Jack Erhardt and others have definitely decided that John Wood is to be the king-pin among the clerical personnel. Hrones might be all right on the welfare and whereabouts work. I am sure he would be useful in whatever capacity he could be fitted in. Simone Hardy was on the original list and so I think there is no doubt FP will go along with her transfer to Paris.

It is possible that L'Heureux will be made Acting Chief of the Visa Division as Perce is strongly recommending this and wants to get out himself. If he is in as bad shape as is apparently the case Hervé will probably be glad enough to have an assignment here. He has apparently done a hard and fine job in Algiers and ought to be rewarded.

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On the Carl Norden situation, Pen, who has just sent a telegram for more details, says that he is not inclined to bring him back here unless the Department is completely convinced that his health has cracked. Jack always felt that he was a little on the hypochondriac side. I was almost persuaded of that on one or two occasions myself but do not think so now. It would be pretty difficult to work up a case of dysentery with your mind particularly if competent army medical people threw you in the hospital for a month on account of it. Carl is soft and unhealthy. We thought that getting out into more active life would make him snap out of it. If his health has definitely gone to pieces and he needs medical attention here, Cavendish and I have been discussing the possibility of bringing him into our Division in replacement for somebody else, but this could only be done in case of emergency and naturally it would not be profitable for us under present conditions of strain to have Norden back in trade for an active officer on one of our country desks if he will be out most of the time. This is just for the private ear of Bob. Your further report on Norden will lead to further developments.

Your sister telephoned to say that Loy Henderson's mother had had a stroke of apoplexy at her home in Denver a few days ago and in falling she brought down his father also with the result that the old gentleman has several fractured ribs and a broken arm. Loy, who got the news in Baghdad, was of course terribly upset and has sent over a request and instructions which Teresa is endeavoring to get through. It seems that the woman out there who was trying to look after them has said that her husband, who is a postal inspector or carrier and under assignment elsewhere, is the only person who can look after the old people in their present condition and Teresa is trying to get Mr. Walker to do something about it. I am particularly sorry for Loy because these things are very upsetting when one is far away.

There has also been disturbing news with regard to the Boss's Chinese servant as the Maritime Commission insists upon his going to sea and Mr. Carusi has told Teresa that the Boss misunderstood Mr. Biddle and that what he had really said was that if the Maritime Commission went after Thai he would have to get out. She, however, got an extension of 30 days and thought if the Boss could be contacted and go after Biddle by wire maybe something could be arranged until he returned. She has been rather handicapped in her efforts by the absence of so many important people in Chicago.

Sam Reber

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Sam Reber is being recalled for consultation. What will then happen I do not know. If he wants my job and I am sent to Paris and the Paris position becomes available at the appropriate moment, he would seem to be a fairly logical successor here although Cannon will feel rather badly and with some reason. There is also, of course, the possibility that Sam might take the job that Selden is planning on and Selden might go to Rome. I don't know that this is being seriously considered but it might make sense to both of them and to other people.

Pat Wiley has gone with the War Shipping Administration to London and so that is settled. I imagine that he will get a lot out of it and perhaps enjoy life more than he has in recent years.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Tell Bob I have not heard of Mildred since she arrived at Conway, but understand all is fine. I am dropping her a line today. Your sister Irene is a fine girl as has more sense common sense than you here. She is the flower of the Coffie family and also has a sense of humor as I like her. Might be the relationship, of course.