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23 October 1952

Dear Bob:

I have decided to take off at 0730 hours, Tuesday, October 28, for our trip to Korea. We will land at 1100 hours at a field on the East Coast, where we will go by light plane to inspect various units across the front.

Will spend the night of the 28th at IX Corps Headquarters, commanded by Major General Rube Jenkins. The next day, the 29th, we will visit forward units further to the West, spending the night at Seoul - Eighth Army Headquarters. The morning of the 30th is not quite set, but we probably will leave early for Pusan, probably see old man Rhee, and arrive at the ceremony of their Military Academy near Pusan at 1340 hours. We should be able to take off around 1600 or 1700 hours, getting back in here two and one-half hours later. I think it should be a good trip and I am glad you are going along.

Captain Emerson, my aide, I believe has contacted your office with regards any clothing you may need. It may be you want to go in your regular civilian clothes, taking some heavy shoes and a sweater, and we could provide a heavy raincoat and liner in the event of inclement weather.

As ever,

Wayne

Mark W. Clark

The Honorable Robert Murphy,
The American Ambassador,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Tokyo.

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FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA



20 March 1951

General Mark

Dear Bob:

Thanks a million for your nice letter of February 23. After much traveling this past year and a visit to the Far East, I took ten days off and flew to Nassau with Renie and Ann just to sit and take it easy and get a little exercise. Your letter was delivered to me there.

I am glad you have read my book **CALCULATED RISK**. I should have sent you one, but have just been remiss in not doing so and also thought that one might not get to you. If I can put an autographed one in the pouch of State Department, let me know, for I have one here that has been earmarked for you for some time.

I expect you have written books, or maybe you have not, but I know I will never attempt it again. I tried so hard to tell the story as it actually happened and was so pressed for time towards the end. You know of my high regard for you and my admiration of all you have done. It was furthest from my intent to say anything that would hurt you, for you have made your mark and played an important role in the history of our country. Had it not been for our friendship, our understanding, and my knowledge of your capabilities, we could not have succeeded as we did in North Africa.

The reference to your telegram requesting us to delay the operation was merely put in to emphasize, as I did all through the book, that political considerations are always present in a war, must be accepted, and I wanted the American public to understand how the military and political problems had to fit together. Perhaps I did assume that you had been carefully briefed on the operation, but I did not know. I am sorry I did not, for I would have made it clear.

At any rate, you know I still love you and hope nothing that I have said has really hurt.

Yes, it was a shock to read of Jack Erhardt's death. There was a nice editorial on him in one of the Washington papers the other day. You mention that he had had a stroke in Moscow. You know, that is the first I ever heard

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United States Ambassador to Belgium,
The American Embassy,
Brussels, Belgium,
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that. I knew something happened, but I didn't realize it was a stroke.

I had a good trip to the Far East. It was well worthwhile and I enjoyed seeing General MacArthur and Matt Ridgway. They are doing a swell job over there, but that is the wrong place for us to be fighting, in my opinion. We can't win unless something miraculous happens behind the Iron Curtain. The initiative is with the communists and we follow their signals. Running true to form, you know I would agree with MacArthur when he demands that he be given permission to bomb military targets in Manchuria and other places of military importance to the Chinese.

There is enclosed a training memorandum which you may wish to look at, which is the third we have put out as a result of observation of fighting in Korea by groups from my headquarters. We've got a tough job in this country, building up a new Army and developing in the new men we get the courage and the determination to go up against such an unscrupulous enemy. Tough training is the order of the day at the present moment.

I am getting weary of these long hours of arduous work. I wish something would happen that would permit me to set aside some of my worries and lead an easier life. I guess we all do and I hope it will come about and that our paths will cross again before too long.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Clark
General, U.S.A.
Chief

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