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*Congrats*

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Dear Ike:

I knew you could do it! Though somewhat delayed, please accept my heartiest congratulations on your supreme victory. As I wrote Mamie last week, history will record you as one of the greatest American Generals for all time! Little did you and I think, when we were back in Manila, that your moment would arrive in such a dramatic manner, though I always felt you had unique ability and personality that was incomparable.

Now Ike, I don't wish to presume that I can give you any advice, but I think the after-work in Europe is going to be of almost equal importance with the preliminaries leading to the complete and unconditional surrender of the enemy.

By this I mean to say I hope you don't fall prey to the clamor, that most certainly will arise from various and sundry sources, of sentimentalists, propagandists, pacifists and the like, who will try to paint a picture of the guiltlessness of the German people, and to the false praise and apparent friendliness of the German people toward their conquerors, and thereby soften in your whole German rehabilitation program.

Twice in a generation those bastards upset the world with their warped mentality and barbarous ideology. Only for the grace of God and the strength of American arms and superb leadership were they stopped dead in their tracks from spreading their hatred and barbarity over the rest of the world. From all the accounts we can read, they still have not learned their lesson and under their skins, they may at this moment be planning their revenge in a manner more destructive, more horrible than right thinking peoples can conceive.



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I can't tell you how wise you were in making it possible for missions of people from the different countries to witness the horrible stench and the utter cruelty that those thugs practiced upon innocent and defenseless people in those medieval internment dungeons. Never in history could there have been more vile, more inhuman, more cruel barbarity! They must be forever unprivileged to regain strength or else we will be made to live through another useless and devastating war.

The newspapers have intimated that you may soon come back to the States for a visit with your family, and if it isn't a hurried and hushed-up one like the last, I would be very happy to have the opportunity of seeing you, if only for a moment.

I am having some smokes sent to you through our mutual friend, the Colonel, in Washington, and hope they reach you without much delay.

With best regards, I am,

Most sincerely,

*Alex Frieder*



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