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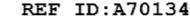
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26 June 44.

DEAR GENERAL AKIN:

I WISH TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR NICE LETTER OF 27 MAY, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPH. THE COMPILATION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED AND NOW I AM PROCEEDING TO GET SUITABLE FRAMES.

THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ON MY EXCEPTIONAL CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD.

I HAD A VERY NICE CHAT WITH COLONEL AUCHINCLOSS WHO DROPPED IN TO SEE US A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. I TOLD HIM OF MY DESIME TO MAKE A VISIT OUT YOUR WAY AND I AM STILL DOING SOME PROPAGANDIZING MYSELF. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT EXCHANGES OF VISITS ARE VERY BENEFICIAL.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RETURN OF CAPTAIN SWEARS WHO WILL NO DOUBT HAVE NUCH OF INTEREST TO RELATE TO US.

IN CLOSING I WANT TO ADD MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE PART WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN PLAYING IN KEEPING THE JAP DEFINITELY ON THE RUN.

WITH CORDIAL GREETINGS, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA Office of the Chief Signal Officer

> A.P.O. 500 27 May 1944

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your very nice letter of 1 May and the news of your activities which it contained. I sincerely hope the inclosed autographed picture will satisfactorily fill the "gaping void" you mentioned. I am much flattered to be thought of sufficient importance to be included in the gallery of famous people.

May I now offer to you my sincerest congratulations on your recent receipt of "The Exceptional Civilian Service Award." I feel that this award was more highly deserved than any I have known of.

It is a pleasure to learn that Abe Sinkov's visit has proven satisfactory to you, and I am looking forward to discussing the trip in detail with him upon his return. He has undoubtedly gathered much useful information while working with your organization in Washington.

The present activities here keep me intensely busy, but the satisfaction gained from the realization that the Jap appears definitely on the run makes the effort well worth while.

If you do get an opportunity to come out in this direction, it will be a pleasure to discuss problems in which we both have mutual interests. Will discuss with Abe the practicability of obtaining a visit from you. Would much like to have your views on many items.

Sincerely your 9 Min

l Incl: As stated above. S. B. AKIN Major General, U. S. Army.

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