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Dear Prex:

It was very good of you to write me your letter of congratulations on receiving the civilian award from the War Department. In addition to that, of course, I was very happy to hear from you and wish that some time you will get shifted over to this part of the coastline as it will be nice to see you.

Everything is coming along at a great rate and we are doing our very best to get this thing over with at the very first possible date.

I have not had a chance to visit Detroit since the last time I was there which was in 1934, and ten years is a long time. It would be nice to see Nita and that big daughter of yours, but unfortunately I do not have any official business in that part of the Middle West.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and good spirits. With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman.