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SUBJECT: Enclosure (A) Copy of Erickson Letter of 26 October 1954

TO: Mr. Roger Pineau
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Washington 25, D. C.

1. It is suggested that a reply substantially as follows would be as responsive and as discreet as circumstances permit:

"Your letter of 26 October 1954 raises questions in a field of such sensitivity that I found it desirable to ponder over the matter for some time.

The best that I can do at this time is to refer you to a letter dated 27 September 1944 which General Marshall wrote to Governor Dewey and which is now in the public domain since it appears in the Report of the Joint Congressional Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack, Part 3, pp. 1132-1133."

2. In order to save time in finding the letter to which reference is made, I inclose a photocopy of it, made from a typescript copy in my own files. I mention the latter phrase because the footnote marked by an asterisk on page 4 is my own observation. If you should decide to include a copy of the Marshall-Dewey letter in the answer to Erickson, the asterisk and the footnote should, of course, be deleted.

3. I hope the foregoing suggestion will enable you and Professor Morison to dispose of this delicate matter in an appropriate manner. The Marshall-Dewey letter speaks volumes.

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M/R: Proposed answer to Mr. Erickson regarding questions asked by him in a letter addressed to Dr. Morison, Harvard University, regarding contents of books written by Dr. Morison.

~~Captain McDonald/UBAF/60493/10Dec54/can~~