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Dear Colonel Nicholas:

Thank you very much for your letter of 12 May.

Since in earlier correspondence you offered to have a staff car meet me in New York to drive me to West Point, I have decided it would be better for me to make the trip by rail. I plan to leave Washington on the B & O at 0830 Daylight Saving Time on the 27th, on the National Limited, which is scheduled to arrive at the Jersey City Terminal at 1240. I am to occupy Seat 7 in Car 25.

I am assuming that it would be better for the staff car to pick me up at the end of the rail journey, in Jersey City, rather than in New York City at the Grand Central. But if I am wrong, and if it will be better for the staff car to pick me up at the B & O Terminal across Grand Central Station in New York City, please let me know by phone or telegraph. I fear that the mails are too slow these days to insure my getting a letter in time to prevent misunderstanding as to the pick-up point. If I do not hear from you I will assume that I will be picked up at the B & O Terminal in Jersey City.

If there should be any difficulty about arranging for the staff car to pick me up, please phone or telegraph me at once, so that I may arrange to drive up from Washington, even though I am not too anxious to make such a long drive on the same day that I am to give a talk.

If the auto journey takes about 2 hours, I should arrive at the Academy in good time to take a look at the lecture-hall with you at about four o'clock.

In view of the mode of travel I fear that I will not be able to bring along as many exhibits as I would like, but I will certainly have a few to add to your Converter M-209 B.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN  
 Consultant

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