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Brig. General Fred Rankin  
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Fred:

While I was out on the West Coast on a trip you managed to leave us and I didn't get to see you before you left, so want to take this occasion to drop you a note.

While my message to you can be put into words, my feelings can't, but I want you to know how much I appreciated the opportunity of working with you, of learning to know you, and, most important, your warm and constant support of my efforts. I've always regretted the fact that I had to move off the 11th floor because, for the short time that our Division was up there, you used to frequently drop in and chat a bit, and once we got down here I'm not sure that you were ever in this office. I want to wish you the very best on your return to civilian clothes and indicate that I'm envious of you.

A day or two ago I got to look over the tentative constitution of the consultants' organization, and I think it's swell.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. MENNINGER  
Brig. General, USA