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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of 16 September. I was delighted to learn that you are over in Vietnam working for General Gettys and settled in as Chief of the Plans Division. I agree that is an interesting and challenging assignment, particularly since you are so heavily engaged in the redeployment program.

No need to worry about Bob Hilton and Wally Nutting -- I manage to keep them busy without half trying.

Best wishes to you for a successful year, and keep me posted on where you would like to go and what you would like to do before your tour is up in Vietnam.

Most sincerely,

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