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Dear General Knowles,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your interest and assistance in July when my assignment was changed unexpectedly. The turn of events thereafter has been so rapid that I have not had time to write earlier.

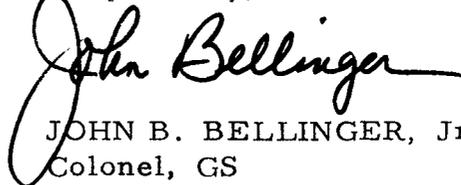
As the situation developed, General Gettys wired OPO that he would like me to come over after all and that he would assist me in getting a command if possible at a later date. So I took off in about three days and now am settled in as Chief of the Plans Division here.

I am finding it a very interesting and challenging assignment; we are heavily engaged in both planning and executing the redeployment. The job also permits me to get around Vietnam quite a bit, which I enjoy. This country has certainly changed for the better since my last tour of duty in 1967.

I hope you are winning in the battle of the Pentagon and are finding it possible to keep Bob Hilton and Wally Nutting busy. Best wishes for a successful year ahead.

With warm regards,

Respectfully,

  
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