

**THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

16 February 1965

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your kind words. The Army had to dig pretty deep in the barrel for this one. I don't know whether this means that the product will be any better from now on but it will cost more.

Since I'm stuck in this job until July 1966, I regret to say that while I have gained the cake, there is no frosting on it.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to stop off at Benning and contribute to the Knowles' retirement fund, via the golf course route. Having already contributed very materially to said fund, I have no desire to donate any further but would like to see you and have a drink with you - at your expense.

Anne joins me in sending our best wishes to Barb and you. Come see us when you visit the big city.

Sincerely,

*Bob*  
ROBERT C. FORBES  
Colonel, United States Army  
Secretary

Brigadier General Richard T. Knowles, USA  
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Dear Bob,

Congratulations on your nomination for promotion to Brigadier General. It was well deserved and long overdue.

Barb and I were just delighted to learn of the news. It reconfirmed our faith in the system. We trust that your new assignment will be to your liking and will get you away from the Pentagon. If you should pass through or near Fort Benning, stop and see us. I'll take you on at golf -- at a nickel a hole.

Barb joins me in sending our very best wishes to you and your family.

With warm regards,

RICHARD T. KNOWLES  
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Assistant Division Commander

Colonel Robert C. Forbes  
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