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Dear Admiral:

I went to the Change of Command with the widow of a Marine -- both of them grew up in my boot camp. It was the most impressive, and moving ceremony I have ever seen in any uniform -- and especially your Postscript for your bride.

I meant it when I said I would like to discuss your future plans; the need for men like you, gifted with foresight and courage and tempered by the experience of command, has never been greater than right now. And I'm not talking about politics -- Westy tried that and he was wrong, so did Curt LeMay.

Stay well, please; stay wary, but don't wait too long to find another command.

Tex McCrary

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fellows for lunch on 18th?
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