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Mr. Lawrence Clayton,
2400 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Larry:

It is always pleasant to hear from you, and I was glad to receive your letter of July 8.

I was not entirely familiar with the correspondence which passed between you and Russ following his visit to Washington last April, but I now understand the situation. Personally, I feel that it would be very nice to have you in the organization somewhere and shall certainly keep it in mind so that if an appropriate opening should develop, we can discuss it with you.

We all appreciate your uniform thoughtfulness of us and the constructive viewpoint you have taken with regard to our recent problems with the Comptroller's Office.

I hope that we shall have an opportunity to see you out here some time in the not too distant future. We all send our regards to you and hope that you will remember us kindly to Marriner.

Sincerely,

Merrill

*P.S. Kind remembrance to your
sweet wife and family.*

Merrill

July 8, 1940

Personal

Mr. L. M. Giannini, President
Bank of America, N. T. & S. A.
San Francisco, California

Dear Mariot:

For some time past I have been expecting to be ordered to active duty at Ft. Lewis, Washington, but it now appears that due to the shortage of regular army equipment the training of reserve organizations is likely to be suspended for the current summer. If this proves to be the case I may not come west this summer, which I had hoped to do, not alone for the pleasure of a trip out there but for the opportunity of having a chat with you as well.

You no doubt have seen the correspondence which passed between Russ Smith and myself following his visit here last April. While the suggestions he made were not satisfactory to me they were nevertheless interesting. I have a strong feeling that if I could have talked personally to A. P., or better still with yourself, we might have come to an understanding. Be that as it may, I hope that your preoccupation with your heavy responsibilities there will not prevent your keeping me in mind in case any other possibility develops. You know already how I feel about your organization.

Just in case there should be some occasion to write me anything of confidential nature or of calling me on the telephone, I should advise that we have taken an apartment for the summer months at 2400 16th Street. This is the hotel where the Awalts and Prettymans had the cocktail party last winter that you and Mercedes and Louis attended. The telephone number is Columbia 7200, but we have a private phone - Hobart 8507.

Trusting you and yours are well and with warmest wishes to A. P., Louis, Russ, as well as your good self, I am

Sincerely,

LC/frl