

November 28, 1944.

Dear Ed:

Some time ago you very kindly sent me an impressive looking card which I think entitled me to get by the outer bastions of the State Department should some unexpected occasion arise that would require my intruding. I thought the card would at least impress my grandchildren most favorably, but now that the issuer has been elevated to the post of highest responsibility in the Cabinet, I attach still greater value to that card.


In all seriousness, I want to add my congratulations upon your appointment, knowing as I do not only the wide experience and knowledge you bring to the office, but your profound sense of public responsibility. I do not believe that there has been any time in our history when the responsibilities of this high office were so great.

If there is any way that I could make any contribution whatever to your continued success, I would be most happy to do so.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Honorable E. R. Stettinius, Jr.,
Secretary of State,
Washington 25, D. C.

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