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Mr. A. Tate Smith
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11 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Tate:

I have been meaning to write you for a long time, and I am most appreciative of your letters keeping me posted on what has been happening. I am delighted to hear that everyone is making so much money and the management of the Exchange is going so well. Let's hope it keeps up.

I had a little vacation and had hoped to talk to you on the telephone at least, but I had so many odds and ends to attend to, this wasn't possible.

I was delighted to hear that Miss Barr is now back in the New York area and will hope to see her as well as you some time in the fall if I can get leave.

Everybody now is concerned with post-war planning, and I am undecided what I should do. As a matter of fact, if the Jap war continues, I would not be averse to going out to one of the islands for a while. Whether I would be of any use to anyone out there or not, I don't know, but at least it would be nice to finish my Army service in an active theatre. I have gotten terribly tired of being a Bureaucrat.

Incidentally, would you do me a favor and let me have the address of Floyd Odium, President of the Atlas Corporation? I wrote him a letter and received it back saying he was no longer with this concern. This, I know, is a mistake. The address I used was 535 Fifth Avenue.

I hope things are going well with you and it is not too harassing on your nerves. The world picture is changing very rapidly as witnessed in Mr. Churchill's defeat. That leaves only Mr. Stalin, and I think he will probably be next. All in all I think the changes are for the good and in the long run we will have a brighter and a more interesting world. The transition period is pretty terrible but it has to be gone through.

My best wishes to you and Emmy.

Sincerely yours,

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