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Dear Leland:

We have had no accurate information as to your expected date of return to this country, so I do not know whether this letter will reach you a week after you've taken over in Washington, or will have lain on your desk for a month before you get there.

In any case, I wanted you to know how happy I was to learn of your appointment to this new post which, I understand it, carries responsibility for supervising all of ICA's activities from Greece to India. Congratulations! Although I know you would rather be out in the field again, I think a lot of other people in the field will be pleased to have a man of your experience and understanding standing behind them in Washington.

By the same token, I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a splendid job you did in Vietnam, and to tell you also how much I truly enjoyed working with you. For all that we had occasional differences of opinion on particular issues or problems I think you were aware that you enjoyed my fullest confidence, respect, and admiration. I hope that someday I shall have another opportunity to be associated with you in some enterprise or other.

Jane joins me in sending you and Irene our best wishes for a very happy and successful New Year.

Coordially,

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