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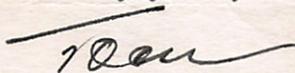
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1945.

Dear Ken:

I am sincerely appreciative of your letter of January 16th, and it relieves my mind no end because I found it very difficult to believe that the statements made were correct. As you well know, I have always had the highest regard for the splendid work that you did at NAA, and have so stated publicly - time and again. Moreover, I knew that your work with the CAP represented an extraordinary amount of time, effort, and intelligence. It is true that I did not concur in the interpretation that had been put on publicity, not by you but by Washington. Other than that I know of no reason why we should not be in full accord on the things that had been done. Finally, I wanted always to count you as a friend and fellow-worker in the vineyard. You may be sure that you can always count on me for such cooperation and support as I am able to give in whatever effort you are engaged in.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. In talking with Earle about this matter, I followed my usual procedure of cutting the sore wide open at the start, and I hope you understand.