



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your recent letters and for your kind words. Both are appreciated.

You were right on the money with your comments regarding Grenada. While most of the press complained of being omitted from advance notification and participation in the operation, I am convinced such disclosure would have compromised the mission, increased our casualties, and placed the medical students in a more perilous position. The American public, on the whole, supported our rationale.

I also found very interesting the piece on President Eisenhower that Dr. Ewald delivered to the anniversary dinner last year. "Eisenhower Weather" is always welcome, and his sage advice on the use of force is valid.

Ralph, I truly appreciate your kindness wanting to set up a dinner party for Jane and me. However, as you are well aware, I am often the victim of my schedule, not the one in control of it. Perhaps we can revisit your kind offer after the first of the year.

Please give our best to Ann.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of the Secretary of Defense, is written below the word "Sincerely,".

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