

1 July 1944

Harold E. Stassen. Lt. Commander, USNR,
Staff Commander Third Fleet,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Harold:

Just got your address from Herb Lewis and thought I would write you, too.

Haven't heard much politics lately, and what I have heard has not cheered me up much. In the time that I have been interested in government, (and what an old man I am getting to be, and sound), I never have read a more inadequate keynote address than that which opened the Republican Convention, and I have heard some pretty inadequate ones from the rostrums of both parties. It would have been a clumsy attempt in any year; and such a speech in such a year simply cannot be countenanced.

There is so much anxiety among political leaders to escape the odium of being called "impractical idealists" that there is a veritable panic on to disavow the slightest interest in ideals. The parties seem to be competing with each other to see which can put forward a program most lacking in anything that might be said to faintly resemble, not only "impractical idealism", but idealism of any kind. It is a poor compliment to America when its leaders seem to think that only a narrow, selfish policy will commend itself to the country. Sometimes I think we are confronted with a choice between a party the leaders of which have no real philosophy; and one whose leaders have a philosophy which they are afraid to admit and openly expound. One thing I so much admire in Willkie is that he has a philosophy and a faith about which he will not cavil or deceive; and one he is willing to expound openly, seeking the support of those of like beliefs and endeavoring to persuade those who differ.

The war, at any rate, goes favorably, and even if there is some confusion about what is to be done with the victory, we seem likely to win it. Perhaps it will not be too late, then, to try to prevent the search for a new world from degenerating into an ignoble scramble for the remnants of the old. Hope to see you soon----back home.

As ever,

J. R. Wiggins
Major AC
XII Fighter Command Hq
A.P.O. 650 N.Y. N.Y.



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THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

July 7, 1944

H. E. Stassen
Lt. Commander, USNR
Staff Commander, Third Fleet
% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for your letter of July 3rd and for your good wishes. I appreciate them ever so much and do hope that you will get back to the mainland and that we can get together. It would be grand to see you and I think also it would be helpful.

Do send me a wire as soon as you know your plans.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

TED:LR

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dewey".

North Hampton, N. H.

MADISON FORK RANCH

WEST YELLOWSTONE

MONTANA

8 July

Dear Commander,

This is just a note to thank you for the opportunity you made possible. I count it a pleasure and privilege to have worked with you, though it was little enough that I did to help. I share the opinion of so many others that the Charter is a considerably more effective instrument because of your contribution, and I hesitate to think of some of the mistakes that might well have been made if you had not been on the Delegation.

In whatever the future may have to offer, please know that you have my every good wish and all the active support that I can give. The best of luck in the Pacific and I hope that you won't need

too much of it.

I happened to read the other day some comment by a Senator Bushfield on the Charter, which seemed to show either that he had not read it or was deliberately falsifying the case. I regret that the Charter does not go further towards the creation of genuine law and government but understand very well the unhappy truth that it represents all that is today possible. One is forced to wonder just how many disasters are necessary before men are willing to take the essential steps. As you say, the future depends on our ability to work out a possible way of living together in the same world with Russia. The consequences of failure in that effort seem to me to be intolerable.

Mary thanks again for a great deal more than I am capable of repaying at the moment. Please give my best to your wife and Mary sends hers to both of you.

Please give my regards also
to Admiral Halsey whom I once met
in Honolulu and to the good Mr. Weeks.

Sincerely

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P.S. ~~If~~ at your convenience, I should
greatly appreciate that note you said you
might write to the State Dept. concerning
my qualifications, but please feel under
no obligation to do it.

H. H. KRINSKY
151 NORTH CONCORD STREET
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

[1944]

July 13 -

Dear Harold -

First of all, I wish to say how sorry I am for not having had the pleasure of shaking your hand and wishing you luck. When you visited South St Paul.

The week that you were home - Rieca lost her mother and she being the eldest made her responsibility even greater. The shock was great even tho it was expected - So we moved out to the St Croix immediately and with lots of Sun and Rest Rieca is feeling much better.

Harold - I must say - I have never enjoyed your voice on the air - as much as the nets - Elmer and I listened to your Radio Broadcast from Washington. Your voice has taken on a ^{new} tone of assurance that comes only from a man of age and experience. It also had the punch and ring of your youth, this combination can't be beat. As Elmer said - He's Good! He's Better and believe me - that little Irishman knows his stuff. Well Harold by now - you are wondering what the hell - My Wonts - as you know by ~~now~~

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H. H. KRINSKY
151 NORTH CONCORD STREET
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

our corn crop on the St Croix is just about
ripe and we hope to have the pleasure of
again seeing Esther and the crowd from St. St.
Paul. having fun. — we missed you last year
But god! Willing you will be there at our next
Beach Fry in 1945.

No Date the corn eating contest is to be
13 ears — Non sawe 2nd with 11 ears
again thanks a million
as always your admiring friend

(H)

P.S. Stanley is Engineering officer
on LC1 (L) 963
and we think he is in the New Guinea
area

Ensign Stanley H Krinsky
U.S.N.R.

U.S.S. LC1 (L) 963

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HARRY A. BULLIS
PRESIDENT

Minneapolis 15, Minn.

July 13, 1944

Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen
U.S.N.R.
c/o Staff Command, South Pacific
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

First, let me congratulate you for the marvelous record you are making in the United States Navy. We are all proud of you!

Second, let me congratulate you for the splendid national recognition you secured before and during the Republican National Convention in Chicago. Many individuals all over the country have told me and have written me that you were their first choice as Republican candidate for President. The national publicity which you have secured will be of great benefit to you in the future.

This letter supplements the letter which I asked Sydney Anderson to write to you. Please, if you have not already done so, address a letter to John Crosby and send it either to Sydney Anderson or to me so it can be incorporated in the book of letters which we are preparing for Mr. Crosby, and which will be presented to him upon the fifty-fifth anniversary of his election as a director of Washburn Crosby Company. I shall save a prominent place in this book for your letter, which of course will not arrive until after the presentation has been made to Mr. Crosby.

There is attached a letter which I have sent to some of Mr. Crosby's friends.

You are making an excellent contribution to the war, Commander. I sincerely believe that the course of action which you are taking will prove to be of great value to

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you and the country in the years to come.

Success and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Bullis

HAB:LJ

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES
HARRY A. BULLIS
PRESIDENT

Minneapolis 15, Minn.

July 8, 1944

Mr. John Crosby on July 22, 1944, will have completed a record of fifty-five continuous years as a Director of Washburn Crosby Company and General Mills.

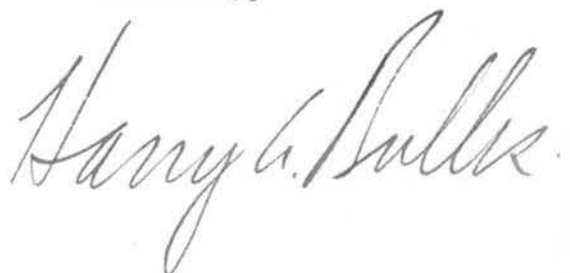
On July 22, 1889, he was elected a Director of Washburn Crosby Company. On May 26, 1919, he was elected President of Washburn Crosby Company. On September 10, 1925, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Washburn Crosby Company.

When General Mills was formed on June 20, 1928, he was elected Director of General Mills, Inc.

A book of letters from his friends is to be given to Mr. Crosby on the fifty-fifth anniversary of his election as director of Washburn Crosby Company. I know that you will wish to contribute a letter to this book.

Will you address this letter to Mr. John Crosby, but mail it to me, by July 19?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry A. Bullis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Harry A. Bullis".

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H. H. KRINSKY
151 NORTH CONCORD STREET
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

I don't write many letters. In fact the way I write maybe I should never write, — —

As you know — my life's work and inspiration is all wrapped up in my Son Stanley — who is now in the South-Pacific area — He is out there doing his duty as you and millions of other — Americans are doing trying to bring this Dam War to an End.

I pray and Hope this War will soon be over and bring Both of you home But Quick!

Stanley's Plan is to come into the Furniture Business with me. When I am an old man sitting in the Sun — and when your Glen gets married — I hope he will give Stanley the same Pleasure You and Esther gave me — when I furnished your first home.

So if you see Stan somewhere; — somehow, — Please give him a helping hand and a pat on the back — Plus some Fatherly advice — Ricca and I will be ever so grateful to you, — —

July 17, 1944

Dear Harold,

I know you have heard from many all about the Convention so I will not spend much time in discussing that except to say that I believe everyone made many valuable contacts for you in the future and in no manner were you hurt. It naturally was a great disappointment to all your friends, but I do think it turned out for the best. They all worked their heads off. I think, taking everything into consideration, Walter Rosenberry did the best job that possibly could have been done.

We had dinner Saturday night with Jim Bennet and his new wife (who by the way is a most charming woman. She was a widow with a ten year old boy). Jim looks and says he feels very well. I doubt for the time being that they will live in Minneapolis because they have a home in Tuscon, but they are here for the summer. He inquired all about you and you probably will receive a letter from him in the near future as he said he wanted to write you. He seemed like the same old Jim and I was very happy to feel that he had gotten over the hump.

I enjoy hearing about you directly or indirectly from so many people that drop in here that have been with you or have seen you over there. Particularly was I interested in the young sailor that you asked to stop into the office. He is certainly a great admirer of yours.

We are all very proud about your dual position with the Admiral and your (according to Walt. Finke) promotion, which he said cleared through Washington some time ago. From all reports you must have seen a great deal of action. I sincerely hope your luck still holds, as you say.

We had an office picnic down at Vi's home the other evening for Burnett Anderson, who has left to go to work for the Minneapolis Times. Glenn was there with Butch and he certainly is growing into a husky fine looking boy. Maude Whitacre was back and attended the picnic. She said Charley was being transferred to San Francisco in the near future.

You probably have already seen the results of the state election. The total vote was disappointing but that was to be expected. While there are some weak spots we have to analyze, Ed got a remarkable percentage of the vote. It was too bad about the apparent defeat of Rollin Johnson and Tom Streissguth. In spite of all our urging Rollin did not seem to feel it necessary to campaign very much. That, with the filing of Hjalmar Johnson, was the cause of his defeat, although the older generation all were here and all remembered Chase' name on the ballot in years past. No one expected Tom Streissguth not to be one of the six. Whether the German name made the slight difference in votes enough to defeat him is being debated, as most of the German names did not get very far on the ballot this year.

The legislature came out about as was expected with very few upsets and one or two good gains in new members in place of some

incumbents who did not run. Elizabeth Heffelfinger lead Doc Matchan and Allan Johnson in rural Hennepin. She is certainly a dynamo when she once goes after something.

I imagine that the strategy of the opposition in the final, as far as the state goes, will be to use Allan as a sounding board for the national campaign. With Humphrey running the campaign and Benson and Rutchick back of him, we will just have to see what is what. So far Allan has put on a very clean campaign and has not said much about the state administration. No doubt there will be a last minute barrage and we will have to be ready for it.

As you go down the Republican ticket for the final election I wonder what would happen with the names that are on there if we were in a real tight campaign. I think our greatest weakness is not having built up younger men to take over in the near future. I think we should now pick out some of the younger outstanding legislators and see that they are brought along to carry on.

I am going down with Ed. and Myrtle to Dewey's Republican Governors Conference in St. Louis on August 1st and shall try to see if the set-up can be steered so that the proper channels and funnels are made.

Joe Ball is progressing nicely and is out of the hospital. He is going up north for a week or ten days to recuperate. We are having a small group meeting with him tomorrow to discuss the future set-up and lay the plans to reorganize a group which has been decimated by absentees.

It isn't so easy, as you can realize, to try to sit on the lid with so many of your friends away and the old guard out in full force using all the flanking maneuvers of which they are capable. However, I believe we are going to come out all right, but it is a different game now than it has been.

We have had one or two potentially tough labor disputes but have managed to get them settled before any real danger was done. There will be some pretty stiff anti-labor in the next session. I believe one of the first bills to be passed will be a non-strike bill for state employees, sponsored by the L.A.C. as a whole, so says Claude Allen. That one isn't going to be so bad but I am afraid the temper of the farm group will be about the same as you had in the Vance-Myhre set-up in the first session. Labor has been warned again and again what is coming, but we will just have to do the best we can, as you say, to keep the pendulum in the middle.

The labor leaders in the cities and the state have told me that this year orders came down from the heads --- Roosevelt - Thye --- next time they will go for Stassen. (Katy has just interjected this -- That when you return from the war if you aren't very busy for a while she thinks we should appoint you a special conciliator for labor commissions representing the public.)

As you probably know, Ed appointed Earl Berg in Frank Chailquist's place and Leirfallom as Acting Director. So far these appointments seem to have gone across O. K.

Chet Wilson has been doing as good a job as possible in Conservation and there are as few complaints as possible considering the extent of that Department.

Vic Johnston is slowly getting back to earth with New Yorker and the Stork Club written all over him, but we have shortened the length of the 10 foot pole down to about 5 feet. The "deflation committee" will take care of the rest. He did a splendid job and is now swinging back into his sport shows etc. You knew his office had been moved over to the State Capitol now didn't you?

Earl Haskin has been quite prominent in his national association and is holding the National Convention of the State Liquor Administrators in Duluth the next few days.

Newell Johnson is more or less a "roving ambassador" with headquarters in Bemidji. He is the hardest man in the administration to put your finger on when you want him. However, his department is going all right.

Dick Golling has done a splendid job despite the handicaps under which he had to work, and all criticism has died down. I am very happy about this personally.

Joe O'Connor seems to be feeling pretty well now and is looking much better.

Ted Driscoll has turned out to be certainly an able administrator; while firm he gets along with the Department Heads exceedingly well.

Julian Sletten has had tough luck. He has had two bad nervous breakdowns, was in a sanatorium in Wisconsin for about four or five weeks, came back feeling fine, two days later was right in the office when Frank Chailquist dropped dead and he went all to pieces again. We have given him a leave until November 1st and he is going to go on a farm and try to get a hold of himself. I am rather apprehensive of his condition, but hope he will come out all right.

Dick Bassett is practically winding up Rural Credit, and, as you know, has two country weeklies now and after the first of the year, I imagine, as he intimated, he will leave state service and take over the editing and running of his two papers.

Fred Hughes is fine. I see him quite often when he is down on the Board of Tax Appeals, and by the way he did one of the best jobs in Chicago for you of anybody.

You probably know Ed appointed Ward Lucas to take charge of Post-war planning in Ernie Olrich's place and believe he will be a good man.

You also probably know of another of the utility positions you used to place me in, that of Director of Civilian Defense (without pay) but I believe we will close that department up probably sometime in the fall outside of the few services such as war bonds etc.

Howard Spaeth is doing his usual fine administrative job. He is losing Phil Sherman, who has a very fine offer to go to Minneapolis. I do not know yet which one.

Ev. Haedecke is not particularly happy over in Petroleum right now and if anything opens we will probably transfer him. Just a matter of internal set up I believe.

Mike Hoffmann seems to have either mellowed or because of war-time conditions we do not seem to have as many contacts as previously. He has been very amenable to suggestions lately.

Ted Ofstedahl seems to be quite happy in Bob Smith's position. As we have had no complaints I assume he is doing a good job.

Carl Swanson is launching a new program adding two or three units to Faribault in order to take care of the waiting list of feeble-minded children. I certainly hope that can go through.

The Interim Committee still functions, but most of the Department heads that have appeared before them have gotten by surprisingly well. Even those that have taken quite an active part in the political situation.

Lawrence Hall is slated to be Speaker of the House for the fourth time. I believe he is the only one that has been elected that many terms.

Eldon Rowe is the same Eldon, Miles Cooper still worries as much as ever. Both are doing O. K.

Most of the Boards and Commissions are functioning all right except the Hairdressing Board, which we always have in our hair. I am putting on a one man lobby to have the legislature do something drastic with that board. I seem to run into quite a little sympathy also.

Well, I believe this is a cross section of most of the departments, I thought you might be interested in knowing how some of your appointees were still functioning.

Katy heard from Webb the other day. He is still in Italy, a Staff Sgt. in charge of a ground crew, bomber squadron. His main worry seemed to be whether his little garden he planted would survive the terrific heat or not.

The last I heard from Jim Kelley and Strunk they were in England, they may be in France now. Pennebaker was somewhere near them but I do not think the Liaison was very close.

The Minneapolis situation is about the same only a little more so. If some good man could only be found I think he could take the city administration without much difficulty.

This letter has almost become a small edition of a book so will take up no more of your time and let Katy relax her fingers.

I just wish you all the good luck in the world. Best
wishes.

Sincerely,

Les

P. S. Jack Mackay just stopped in and said
to tell you "Hello".



WAYNE MORSE

Republican for U. S. SENATOR

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Eugene, Oregon
July 23, 1944

Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen, USNR
Staff, Commander THIRD Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

Was I surprised and flabbergasted when I got your telephone call the other day. The telephone connection wasn't very good, and it took me a few seconds to recognize to whom I was actually talking. Boy! That was quite a thrill. Midge finally tumbled to who it was and then was disappointed that I didn't turn the receiver over to her before I hung up because she wanted to say hello too.

It certainly was very thoughtful of you to remember me that way, and I surely appreciate such friendship. Here's hoping that the next time you hit shore it will be possible for you to visit us in Eugene. It would be a real treat for us, and I most certainly would protect you by seeing to it that you were left alone and had a chance to relax and get a good rest on our little farm.

I hope that you found the family in fine fettle when you got to Minnesota. That certainly must have been a great surprise to them and a grand homecoming. Don't youngsters change, though, when you're away from them that long? It seems to me that every time I was away from the family for six months when I first went on the War Labor Board, the youngsters grew up much more rapidly than they do when I am with them all the time.

Joe Ball was certainly very good to me at the Chicago convention. I saw him a couple of times and had a chance to talk over some of my campaign problems. The record he has made certainly has justified your appointing him many times over. As I said so many times during my primary campaign, when the question came up as to my views on some of the young men in the Republican Party, I think Joe Ball is the outstanding statesman in the Senate.

Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen
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You would have enjoyed my primary campaign because I ran it on an open-forum basis, and I feel that that was the most important factor in producing my nomination. I averaged two and a half speeches a day for thirteen weeks, and in most instances those speeches were followed by from an hour to an hour and a half of open-forum discussion after a principal address of forty-five minutes. In fact, twelve times during the campaign I was asked questions for more than two hours, after I had talked more than forty-five minutes. The fact that I didn't weave and dodge but discussed the issues specifically and without equivocation resulted in my campaign gaining momentum day by day. As was to be expected, the opposition had a good many stooges and hecklers in my audiences, but they only served to help rather than harm.

Finally the going got so hot that Holman's campaign committee became frantic and made the mistake of having him leave Washington and come out to Oregon to campaign during the last month. That permitted me to change my pace from answering questions about my record to starting an offensive against Holman, and he never got off the defensive from the time he made his first speech in the state to his last vicious personal attack over the radio the night before the election. That speech made me hundreds of votes.

I am going to have a tough fight this fall, especially if the Holman diehards either bolt the Republican ticket by running an independent or swing over to my Democratic opponent, who is a reactionary and conservative Democrat. He is running on the campaign slogan, "100 Percent for Roosevelt," but he at least pretends to the businessmen of the state that he is conservative and that I am a dangerous liberal.

Holman is back in the state for the summer recess and is sulking in his tent. I don't mind it if he keeps that up until after the election, but what I suspect is that he is going to wait until he thinks the psychological moment has come to knife my chances and then let me have it. However, I intend to be ready for him. As you know, he married Mrs. Lundeen, thus proving beyond a question of a doubt my charges against him as far as being a member of the pack of isolationists and America-Firsters in the United States Senate. He and his wife may attempt to start an America-First movement in Oregon, but I don't think they will get very far with it. They may be able to stir up enough opposition to hurt my chances, but I intend to keep right on working for a united Republican Party in the state, and prospects look increasingly good from day to day.

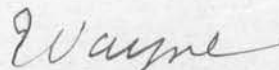
You certainly have been having some grand experiences, and some hard ones too. The news about your being afloat in the open sea gave us a great deal of concern, but fortunately it was quickly followed by another news report that you had been rescued. When I see you, I certainly want to hear about that experience.

Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen
July 28, 1944
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I want to tell you that in my opinion the Minnesota delegation did a grand job for you at the Republican convention. They carried on their campaign in your behalf with dignity, and I am confident that at the close of the convention you were much stronger than you were at the beginning of it. Their work at least succeeded in keeping your name before the party, and the comment was general that the party certainly should be ready to receive Stassen with open arms in 1948 or 1952. Needless to say, Harold, irrespective of whether I win or lose in November, you can always count on my support from this section of the country for anything that you go after.

Midge and I will always be glad to hear from you, and better still, to see you.

Cordially,


Wayne L. Morse

WLM:edh

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

JOHN S. PILLSBURY
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

July 25, 1944

Dear Walter:

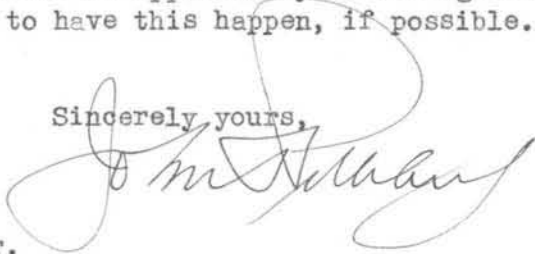
Thanks very much for your very nice letter of the 17th. I could not have been more pleased when I read the papers Sunday that Harold had landed safely here, and that he now had the rank of a full Commander. As usual his remarks to the press were in the best of taste and could not have been improved upon.

I am very sure that with the excellent work that you and your associates did, and with the personality, adroitness and good taste that Harold has always displayed that he will greatly grow in public estimation in the next few years.

I was not in Chicago myself but I have talked to many people who were there, and they say that things at your headquarters were very well handled.

I hope Harold is in the Twin Cities long enough for a few of us here to have an opportunity of seeing him. Frank Leslie is anxious to have this happen, if possible.

Sincerely yours,



Walter S. Rosenberry, Jr.
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July 25, 1944

Cdr. Harold E. Stassen, U.S.N.R.,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California

My dear Harold:

Thanks for your very courteous note of the 19th. I am sending this reply to the Fleet Post Office address, although the press indicates that you are presently with your family in Minnesota.

I have, of course, followed your Naval experiences through the newspapers with a great deal of interest, and, I may say, personal satisfaction in the fine record which you are building up.

During the Spring, I had occasion to see a good many of the men who were working in your interest, and to give them what advice I could. No one could appreciate more than yourself, the difficulties which confronted them, and, under all the circumstances, they made a splendid effort in your behalf. The campaign which they carried on left no bruises, and I am sure that they made a host of friends for you and, incidentally, for themselves.

Should your future tour of duty throw your ship in with the USS "Callaway", which I understand is presently carrying the Third or Fourth Marines, I have a redheaded son by the name of Daniel, who is her fire control officer. He has been out in the Pacific now for a good many months, and went through all of the Marshall campaign. I understand that your operations have been further to the South, but chance may result in your ships operating together. I know that is just like asking for Mr. Smith in New York, but one can never tell.

I trust the future treats you well.

With my very best wishes for your continued success,
Sincerely and cordially,

John Smith

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HENRY S. KINGMAN
90 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS

August 1st, 1944

Mr. Walter S. Rosenberry, Jr.
2462 First National Bank Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Walter:

Although I have already thanked you for your recent letter, I just want to say again that it is a mighty good idea. My contribution to the whole affair was very limited, but you and your crowd certainly had my blessing all the time and I think you did Harold a lot of good and not one bit of harm.

May I again thank you for the nice party in St. Paul, and appreciated the opportunity for meeting Harold.

Sincerely yours,



HSK:HVK



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