

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1945

Comdr. Harold E. Stassen
Flag Ship, 3d Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Commander Stassen:

You do not have to read this, but we had some discussion on the TICONDEROGA about the advisability of a Single Department of National Defense and ever since then I have wanted to send you my address on the subject.

Enclosed is a speech which I gave at Buffalo, which I hoped to supplement with some other speeches on the same subject dealing particularly with the necessity for competition in research and development and the effect of competition in creating and preserving morale. I never got beyond the first installment.

The best of luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "H. Struve Hensel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, connected letters.

H. Struve Hensel

Enc.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
FIFTH SERVICE COMMAND
CAMP ATTERBURY, INDIANA

LL/dew

18 August 1945

Commander Harold Stassen, USNR
%Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Stassen:

I know that Lt. Colonel Austin Corpe, who was one of my assistants when I was in the Southwest Pacific, has heretofore written to you in which he mentioned my name.

I have just received information from Australia that Austin died of a heart attack while he was on leave down in Brisbane. I am trying to locate his family's address to write them and have already requested this information from the Adjutant General.

I hope that in the very near future I may have occasion to meet with you, because many a time Austin and I used to talk about you and the future. Austin Corpe was one of the most outstanding Officers who ever served under me. He gave up many opportunities to be promoted, in order to do his job while he was under me in Motor Transport Command No. 1 operating between Mt. Isa and Darwin. He joined me with his Battalion in California prior to our going overseas. He was one of the hardest working, most enthusiastic and reliable and trustworthy men I have ever had the privilege of serving with. He served his country well and his great ambition was to kill Japs, and from what I know he killed many. As you know he was one of the greatest marksmen in this country with a rifle and pistol. He loved the Service and his Country.

He was eventually made Quartermaster of the 32nd Division which as you know was one of the pioneer outfits in the Southwest Pacific, and went through all the invasions. We have all lost, not only a good friend, but a good Officer and a good citizen of our Country. I thought I would pass this on to you.

One of my sons, Lt. Leslie J. Landes, USN, graduated from Annapolis in 1943 and is now on the USS Parker, ED 604, somewhere near where you probably may be located. He is Gunnery Officer on his ship.

Hoping you are well, believe me to be, with assurances of my highest esteem,

Very sincerely,

Lewis Landes
LEWIS LANDES,
Colonel, MC

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

20 August 1945

Dear Commander Stassen:

Pursuant to the request of Secretary Forrestal, I am engaged in an exploratory study in an effort to determine the most efficient practicable organization of that part of the executive branch of our government which is primarily charged with upholding by military means the national policies and interests of our Country. This study is in no sense in support of, or in opposition to, any particular point of view, proposal or program, whether of military or civilian origin.

I think you will agree with me that the first and most basic consideration in determining the form which such an organization should take, is a clear conception of our national policies and interests, and an appreciation of what upholding such policies by military means may reasonably be expected to involve.

If we agree that our fundamental policy is to maintain the security and well-being of our Country in a peaceful and improving world, our military responsibility in support thereof may be visualized as making certain the adequate defense of the United States, and our effective participation in the collective security organizations of the Western Hemisphere and the United Nations. The general question then is, what is the best military organization which within practicable limits will meet this responsibility.

Among the many particular questions involved in studying this problem are - the balance between efficiency and economy, the relationship of civilian and military control, centralization versus decentralization, the position of air power in the military structure, the effect of recent and continuing scientific developments, possible universal military training, post-war developments in the national and foreign economic fields, in hemispheric and world-wide collective security, and in our relations with the other great powers, particularly Russia. I mention these points merely to illustrate the varied elements bearing on the subject. There are, of course, many others.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

20 August 1945

In an effort to obtain some guidance which will help me in my studies, I am taking the liberty of addressing you to seek your views and to request your comment and suggestions concerning the essential elements of the military organization which will give promise of most effectively meeting our military responsibilities. Needless to say, neither this inquiry nor such views as you may be willing to express are for publication or quotation in any way.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Eberstadt', written in a cursive style.

F. EBERSTADT.

Commander Harold E. Stassen, U. S. Navy
Staff, Commander Third Fleet
Care of Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

CP Ed. Cozwell

22 Dover Rd. Wellesley Mass.

Aug 22nd '45

Dear Harold;

Don't have your accurate address but enough of a one so that this ought to reach you. Actually I am still in the England General Hospital in Atlantic City, but hope to get out any time now. The calcium they have been baking out of my shoulders seems to have reacted pretty well, so I guess I will live now. Just spent a week-end with Lois in Wellesley where she is staying with my mother. We have a red-headed daughter named Caroline Adele, born the last of May and she is beginning to be very interesting. Inasmuch as you were the one to first give our engagement an "official" announcement, I blame you for all the hollering our daughter does when I want to sleep. Her quiet periods are my good influence--- I am so quiet toward the last end of parties, especially when I am about to pass out.



Caroline Adele Cogswell
aged 5 days

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August 22
1945

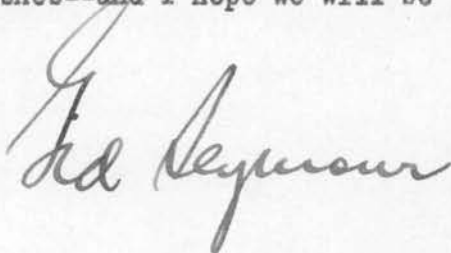
Commander Harold E. Stassen
Staff Commander
Third Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

This doesn't pretend to be a letter from home--
just a request:

Does Admiral Halsey happen to have an extra copy
of the speech he made, I believe to the men of his
fleet, on the night of VJ-Day? It was broadcast in
this country, but I have not been able to get a text
of it, and if one is available I want to reprint it
rather fully in the Star-Journal.

Regards and good wishes--and I hope we will be
seeing you soon.



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NEW YORK
Herald Tribune
230 WEST 41st STREET, NEW YORK

August 23rd 1945.

Dear Harold:

When I talked on Monday with Secretary Forrestal, I told him how much I hoped you would be back in the states during October. He agreed with my point of view and said that he was going to communicate with you anyway.

My wish now is to have you make the closing speech at the Forum on the night of Monday, October 29th. This program will deal entirely with our responsibility in the Pacific, covering Japan, China, and the Philippines, and I would greatly like to have you discuss the problem on which you are the master mind, namely, the islands that are to be put under our trusteeship.

So much has happened since I wrote you last, and even though the changed conditions may not have reduced your volume of work, I can imagine how much lighter hearted every day must be.

With best wishes and looking forward to seeing you before very long, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Reid

Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, U.S.N.R.
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August 23, 1945

Commander Harold L. Stassen
U. S. Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Does the declaration of peace open up your time sufficiently to consider speaking engagements this season? There is obviously a greater opportunity than ever, for public opinion is very much aroused, but very confused and the public service you could perform either by an extensive tour or a limited number of engagements would be enormous. Furthermore, since you are identified with peace and always speak with such inspiration and idealism, I know that there will be an even greater public interest in what you have to say about the future. I am sure that we can obtain fees ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 - better than those we obtained before in most cases, and in some instances could obtain large audiences in the key cities which would exceed \$1000. So that this tour could be extremely profitable - the revenues limited only by the time you have to dispose.

Even if your plans are not yet definite, if you could indicate your interest and what month or months you could consider, I would make a preliminary survey and discuss all this with you more specifically when you return.

Cordially,

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U. S. Naval Section Base
Navy 936, c/o F. P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

25 August 1945

Hon. Harold E. Stassen,
Governor, State of Minn.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Sir:

The event for which so many millions of people have been waiting through long, agonizing months and years has at last come to pass. The bloodiest, most horrible war in the history of mankind has ended. All the world is now looking forward confidently to a new era - an era of peace, progress, economic security, freedom and justice, which has been secured at great cost in blood, sweat, tears and human life.

We are amonth the countless, but we hope not forgotten, thousands of men who have spent many lonely months in the far flung reaches of the Pacific Ocean, isolated from civilization and separated by thousands of miles from home, loved ones and all that is dear to us. To say that we have been heartsick and lonely is to put it mildly. We have watched events leading toward the end of this war with an intense interest, reading and re-reading every scrap of favorable information, grasping at every item of news that seemed to bring us a step nearer home.

Some time ago, through courtesy of The United States News, the Second Official Report by Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King to the Secretary of the Navy, dated 12 March 1945, was distributed in this area. The report deals with operations of the United States Fleet in the Pacific and presents a record of which every American may be justifiably proud. In the concluding portion of that report we find a discussion of demobilization plans for the Navy. We doubt if you can imagine the interest with which the portion quoted below was read and re-read, discussed and re-discussed by so many of us. Here is what we read:

"However, for more than a year, we have worked on demobilization methods and have completed tentative plans. We are considering priority for severance, and intend, when the time comes, to give due consideration to length of service, service outside the continental limits, combat service and parenthood."

Hon. Harold E. Stassen, Governor of Minn,

Some might say that we had no right to rely on such a statement; that it was not intended as a firm commitment by the Navy as to its plans for discharging men from the service. Perhaps one reason why we did rely upon it was that it seemed so fair and just, so sincere, so obviously made in good faith. It could scarcely have emanated from a more reliable source, coming as it did from the Commander in Chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations.

When we first heard the announcement of the Navy's plan in a radio broadcast on 16 August we could not believe it. It was a far cry from the method Fleet Admiral King had stated would be adopted; we thought there must be some mistake. The next day the radio was confirmed officially by receipt of Alnav 196. It was true; no credit would be given for overseas service, none for combat service, and it was not necessary even to be married in order to obtain credit for dependency. Had we been propagandized? We did not know.

On 21 August Admiral Jacobs was quoted in a radio broadcast as stating that overseas service could not be considered because the Navy had no central records system, and that to bring in for consideration the records of all the men overseas would have delayed inauguration of the point system at least 90 days. It seems to us that if this reason makes it impossible to consider overseas service now it would just as surely have precluded the possibility of doing so in March 1945, when Fleet Admiral King submitted his Second Official Report to the Secretary of the Navy. Such things as this are not calculated to promote a feeling of confidence among Navy personnel that they are being fairly dealt with. It is not surprising that, as Time Magazine recently reported, the Navy is beginning to feel some apprehension that it will not be able to persuade enough Reserve officers and enlisted men to sign over to the Regular Navy to man the post-war fleet.

The burning resentment of many of the men is produced by the thought that there are men in the United States who have never served outside the continental limits and are now being discharged, while many of us who have spent the larger part of our time in the service overseas are not being considered.

It was thought that perhaps an expression from men in the Navy would be helpful in the formulation of plans to carry out any contemplated Congressional action in connection with demobilization.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. De Mers, GM2c, USNR

W. J. De Mers

27 August

Dear Harold,

Just a note about the immediate future. I imagine that you will be staying right where you are until the Admiral breaks up his staff. I have three months to go under the point system although I may be heading home sooner since a recommendation has been put in for the Legion of Merit.

It is my hope to be able to take my postwar orders from you. And it is my intention to look you up at the earliest opportunity to seek your guidance in the manner in which I might be of most service in the achievement of the ideals for which you stand. I would like to see you as soon as possible but as far as I can guess we will be considerably to the westward of you---if we move north at all. If it will be impossible to see you before we reach the States I'll get to wherever you are there as soon after my arrival as practicable.

We have had it pretty quiet since Okinawa. Flew up to Manila for a bit of sightseeing. I had hoped to see our friend Mr John Cowles up there but unfortunately he had just shoved off for the States. Have been following your progress and hope that by the time this catches up with you the Admiral will have had that ride on that white horse. Hope to see you soon.

best regards

Henry T. McKnight. Lt Comdr USNR
USS LCI (R) 648

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

W. W. KEMMERER

August 27, 1945

Commander Harold Stassen
c/o Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Stassen:

The University of Houston is planning a two-day program for the formal inauguration of the President of the University, Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, who took over the full time position as president on April 1, 1945.

Due to wartime conditions the committee thought it best to postpone the dates for the Inauguration until the first or second week in October which would be Thursday and Friday, October 4 and 5 or 11 and 12.

We are seeking a speaker of national prominence for the large community evening meeting on one of these dates. The Chamber of Commerce and all the community organizations are sponsoring this event. We would like to know whether you would be available as an evening speaker on one of these dates. The committee would be greatly pleased to have an early reply and to know whether you would accept an invitation. Both expenses and an honorarium will be provided. In order to aid the committee in providing its expense budget, it would be helpful if you could indicate possible expenses and an honorarium which would be satisfactory to you.

The committee is trying to make this event one of great importance to Houston, to Texas, and to the surrounding territory. We trust, therefore, that you will give this invitation your most favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

W. W. Kemmerer
Chairman, Inaugural Committee



HEADQUARTERS, THIRD MARINE DIVISION
% FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

28 August, 1945.

My Dear Hal:-

Hope there were no repercussions on your doing a "Scrappy Kessing" act in getting back to the flag and the Admiral. Enjoyed your visit in Guam very much but found the visit was altogether too short.

My predictions of January 1945 must go down in the book. Of course, at that time, I didn't realize that Joe would be quite so prompt and declare war 3 months to the day as promised. I gave him until 1 September. Even so it was good news and helped immensely in sealing the doom of Japan.

You know, I thought for a time that I might be fortunate enough to be standing on the dock with the "white horse" in hand when the Admiral stepped ashore. Don't think I didn't try!!

Hal, don't think it presumptuous on my part to make a suggestion which I assume you already have considered. If it is at all possible, when the time comes to return to civil life, that you do so without accepting any other job that may be offered you in Washington. I believe it will be much better for the record if you returned directly to civil life from the staff of a "fighting Admiral" rather than from a desk job in Washington.

Now making preparations to take part in the occupation. Present indications point to our being located in the western island which will be some distance from where you all will be. However, know that the latch string is out to you and all the rest of a grand staff.



HEADQUARTERS, THIRD MARINE DIVISION
% FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Take good care, my best wishes to you.

As always,
Bill Kellogg

8-31-45

Dear Harold,

During the past month O'Connor, Gelling ^{and} I have met with selected small groups in the state working to crystallize party thinking ^{and} directing it along useful lines. The most important thought seems to be that the party must change its leaders both in the party ^{and} the legislature ^{and} in some phases ^{and} offices of the administration itself. I asked Ed to invite in about 12 of these men (Anderson, Hughes, Christian ^{Coffee} ~~and~~ et al) for an informal conference. The group intended expressing itself ^{and} winding up with a suggestion that we go for Billy Christensen for Chrmn ^{and} Mrs Herberger (St Cloud) for Chrmn, ^{and} behind their leadership introduce some new veteran blood in the legislative ^{and} administrative campaigns, in a few well-planned heavily charged drives. At the meeting, Ed threw out a long considered counter-proposal which may serve the purpose — have Geo Jones appoint Billy as Director of Organization. This plan was adopted as the objective ^{and} Billy agreed to accept. The next night Ed had a meeting of a group he chose ^{and} it consisted of Sydney A., Frank Liskie, Dr Larry Gould, Vin Weber, Mrs. Vivian Weferhausen, Rose Spencer, Geo Jones, Billy C., Geo Jones, Sidney Christensen, Carl Wicht, Bud Duncanson, Webb ^{and} myself. Berger, Badger ^{and} one or two others were unable to come. Unknown to us of the previous night Ed tossed out the plan for Billy C in the laps of this heterogeneous assembly. We had understood he would talk quietly to Sydney, Frank, Julian ^{and} George — at lunch some day. Then Webb was going to have Jim Bennett talk with George.

We felt that George, in this way could be convinced. If not, we still had other means. As you can imagine, George, in this company, was stunned by the blunt suggestion and he frantically searched his mind for a way out, suggesting that, sure, he needed help, had always said so, but he had in mind a young man say about 27-30 and a young woman, or possibly several aides in the Cities and he urged that action be postponed on picking any one altho he had no objection to Billy, he said, except his age. Incidentally Billy under this plan would be a full-time, well-paid director. I understand Sydney had OK'd the plan but had expected a prior meeting with Ed, Frank Leslie, Julian before telling George in a more palatable proposal. Everyone there, excepting George, seemed to be for it but no action was taken other than to discuss it further in restricted circles. George undoubtedly is very busy today and I doubt that a straight deal is in the cards now unless George is told to do so or else that means unrestricted warfare.

Many other things were discussed at both these meetings but really were just details or things for future discussion. All, however, had the feeling that these sort of sessions were good and should have been a matter of habit by now. Sydney and Frank both said they had felt the need for such consultations and felt that past misunderstandings and mistakes could have been alleviated through this medium.

Geo Hoag's son was accidentally killed while in service at San Francisco and was buried yesterday.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WISCONSIN

STATE HEADQUARTERS

HOTEL LORRAINE

MADISON 3, WISCONSIN



August 31, 1945

Dear Harold:

In view of the tremendous days you are living I hesitate to give you the inconsequential news from these parts. But you might be interested in some of this information at a later date so I will pass it on to you.

In the first place please overlook the last letter I wrote you. The importance of whether or not you went to dinner ~~with~~ As the guest of Arthur Goldsmith is very trivial in the events through which you are now moving - I regret I even wrote you that last letter.

I just returned from a two day trip to Mpls and found the Republicans much depressed. Humphrey has been getting a lot of publicity and has the GOP scared to death. Also the PAC is organizing quite extensively. All in all it is sad days - just like when you found the party back in 1938.

I agree that Humphrey is doing well for himself at present and he has cleaned up the town temporarily at least. However I am confident that with advisers like John Cowles and G. Seymour he will trip before long.

Incidentally you will be interested in the following incident:

John Gunther is writing a book and ^{now} up in Minnesota recently getting some material - apparently he had talked to you in the Pacific and you gave him a list of people to call on for information. Cowles and G. Seymour are much put out that Russ Wiggins name preceded theirs on the list. If you think that war was tough over there wait until you get home and have to deal with weighty matters like this.

The situation here goes on fairly well. I worked very close with the legislature last winter and following that have been traveling quite extensively over the state holding county meetings. Privately I keep preparing a list of presidential delegates for 1948 - I hope that when the time comes I will be able to present the strongest possible slate.

You are apparently doing a terrific job out there and the papers are giving you good publicity here and in Chicago, even the Chic Trib printed your picture today - I enclose it. Hoping that you will be back soon and that we can sit down for another talk, I remain

Very truly yours,

1517 Bush Street,
Santa Ana, California,
1 September, 1945.

Commander Harold Stassen,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Almost everyone has a hobby, I believe. Perhaps mine is crazier than most; but, if I can achieve my ambition, I hope to have something that, someday, may become a museum piece; a record of men that have distinguished themselves in their field of endeavor.

You see Sir, I have been a shut-in for more than 5 years. So, to help pass the time, two years ago, I started collecting letter heads from stationery, used by the men in training camps; In January, 1944, I began asking prominent men for their Autographs, on their official stationery and my latest brainstorm, collecting Naval & Military insignia, buttons and other souvenirs, struck me about a year ago.

Everyone has been so kind and cooperative that now there are 450 letter heads from different Service Camps, 700 from Hotel, Train & Business stationery, 300 insignia, etc and 700 Autographs from such men as The late President Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Frank Knox & Ernie Pyle; The Presidents of Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica & Ireland; Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada, Union of S. Africa, New Zealand & Eire; Cordell Hull, James F. Byrnes, Henry L. Stimson, James W. Forrestal, Herbert Hoover, Bernard Baruch, All the U.S. Supreme Court Justices and the Governors of all the States; 75 Admirals, like Admirals Leahy, King, Nimitz, Halsey, Spruance, Fletcher, Mitchell & Sir Andrew Cunningham; 200 Generals, among them, Pershing, Marshall, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Arnold, Spaatz & Sir B.L. Montgomery; Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Donald Douglas, Glenn Martin, Wm. Jeffers, Ralph Budd, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Andrew G. Higgins, B.F. Fairless, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Dr. James B. Conant, Connie Mack, Joe McCarthy, Amos Alonzo Stagg and many more men prominent in all walks of life.

175 Officers, above the rank of Brig. Gen., have sent insignia, etc, for my collection. A few of them are, Generals Eisenhower, Stilwell, Bradley, Hodges, Clark, Devers, Patch, Eichelberger, Simpson, Vandegrift, Eisinger, H.M. Smith, Cates, Doolittle, Eaker, Kenney, Chennault, Wolfe, Sir H. H. Alexander, Sir R.L. McCreery, Sir Thomas Blarney, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten & Adm. Sir Andrew Cunningham, Vice Adm. Murray & Rear Adm. Davis & Adm. Standley. Other Officers have sent Nazi & Jap insignia and other souvenirs and Autographed photographs.

If you think that I am not too presumptuous, will you please honor me with your Autograph on your official stationery and could you please add some kind of insignia to my collection?

Thanking you for your Courtesy and Cooperation and Wishing you Good Health, Success and may God keep you and yours.

Yours respectfully,
Walter L. Arney.

J. DONALD FRUEN
ELM LANE FARM
LONG LAKE, MINNESOTA

September 5, 1945

Commander H. E. Stassen, U S N R
Staff Commander, Third Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

I am writing you now in hopes that this might reach you in time so that you could, if you wish, write a letter in behalf of Walt Finke to fill the position of Executive Vice President of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association. When Walt was in Minneapolis last June, some of the older Junior Chamber men discussed this job with him. At that time he indicated his interest.

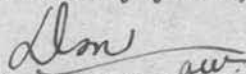
On September 1, Perry Williams, the last Executive Vice President, resigned. All of us in the Junior Chamber who know Walt are aware of his abilities as an executive and we believe that he is just the man to put Minneapolis on the map. I have talked to the chairman of the committee who will hire the new Civic and Commerce executive. He is Arthur R. Husted. In talking with Art about filling this vacancy, he asked me to complete a file on Walter Finke from some of his past associates. It is our hope that you will find the time to write a letter concerning Walter's qualifications as an administrator and particularly what you think of his abilities in running a civic organization such as the Civic and Commerce Association of Minneapolis.

I have just talked to Mrs. Stassen over the phone and she says she is well and, of course, anxious for that day when you will be able to return.

Tom von Ruster is still in the South Pacific on LST 1017. We received word from Dan Feidt by cable this morning that he is leaving Europe this week, having been released from the Crimes Commission to which he was appointed at the time of victory in Europe. Cy Plattes is assigned to the office of the United States Naval Attache at Wellington, New Zealand.

It is nice to have this opportunity of writing you and we here, wish to congratulate you on the job you did at the San Francisco Conference, as well as the contributions you have made in bringing about an early peace. We will be looking forward to the day when we can greet you back in Minnesota.

Cordially yours,


J. Donald Fruen

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JOHN AURA, AUDITOR

Sept. 5, 1945

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

Dear Harold:

Our papers report you
are now on the hunt for our
prisoners and that you are
principally so engaged. Therefore
this letter may not reach
you for a time. I am sure
you are calling on your
fortitude and sagacity to
the utmost these days. What
the Japs have left us is
a revolting picture and
challenges one's belief in the
dignity of man. I keep
going back in my mind

AIR
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~~WALLACE F. FERRIS, Sec'y~~
JOHN AURA, AUDITOR

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We were certainly on the beam.

Russ returns from the Ranch tomorrow and Paulina and I leave for Tucson next week. We have had a busy summer, and I shall welcome the expanse of the desert, and the citrus trees in our patio. Picking a grapefruit off a tree seems such a simple experience in production - it's refreshing!

Saw Webb Coffee, George Crosby, Warren Berger, Frank Leslie, et al. the other day. Things are cooking. Walter Judd is going to go for the senate. Shipstead, too.

AIR
MAIL

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unless he changes his mind
at the 11th hour in the belief
that he would be licked.
Ed Thye is still popular
but the P.A.C. are throwing
their weight around. Elmer
Benson is the nominal head
for the U.S.A. as a whole, and
looks like the cat that swallowed
the canary - or was it a
crow!

Best to you, Harold, and
courage and resourcefulness
in the difficult task
you are doing. The country
will not let you down
in seeing that some just
retribution is made for the
sadism of these camps.

Brother Ted sends his best, too
as ever, Jim



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