

July 27, 1942
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Dear Max:

So far your estimates have not been accurate. I would not be working on the queries from you and Yarmon had I not been able to do so. I had 14 telephone calls before 1 o'clock. However, all the queries as of this minute have been answered.

With respect to the series of articles you wanted from the Washington Post, the Post itself is missing one out of every three copies. I sent Yarmon all they had, today. The cost was the fantastic amount of \$3.70 for about 20 issues.

I spent this afternoon and this evening getting as many as possible of the answers to your questions about the Coast Guard. Some of the information that they do not have here may be contained in some of the literature I sent Yarmon today. In the event it is not, it is available in New York from either of the following: Lt. Robert R. Edge, Coast Guard Public Relations Officer, 44 Whitehall Street, or Lt.-Com. V. J. Charle, Recruiting Officer, at the same address. I also sent Yarmon a letter in which I told him what information is not available here and I presume he will ask you for any that he should be able to obtain in New York.

My letter ran over 11 pages and in addition I sent him a large number of pamphlets and I am hopeful the information will prove adequate.

I have checked at the CAA and found that the office of Miss Pat O'Malley has finally gotten around to answering your letter.

I expect to get all or almost all of the material on the Marines tomorrow. I have a date with the right people. In the course of speaking to them today, I asked them to add paratroopers, glider pilots, and things like that, of course not included in the Navy outline. They will, but ask you to make a great point of not calling the Marine paratroopers "American Commandos". They don't like the comparison, especially since they have been doing commando-type work since 1776.

I had a merchant marine appointment today that I had to skip because of the Coast Guard.

You will recall, when we had our discussion, you said I could finish all the work by the 31st, which is the end of this week. I certainly hope you were right in this estimate because my other work almost certainly will demand that I be out of town all of next week and likely in a position where I can not conveniently return to Washington. Please let me know immediately if you will have any queries next week so that I can try to make arrangements to have them answered for you.

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So far on this work I have spent approximately 30 hours--I have an exact record-- and have incurred some not very great expenses, by far the largest individual one being the Washington Post. I would appreciate it if you could send me the bill so I will receive it by the end of the week and I will bill you on the 1st for the balance.

Also, this is to remind you that you gave me no outline for the merchant marine so I will have to estimate what you want. They, too, are "reorganizing". Having been under the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard is now under the War Shipping Board but the Coast Guard still maintains the same I had no money and you had no money. However, all the queries as of this minute. If everything goes right, I will mail to you tomorrow all that is yet to come.

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