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Dear Mark:

I was pleased no end to receive your letter of 11 April and to learn that you are getting along so well.

I am well - in fact better than I have been for a dozen years. I had the flu early in February and it took a long time to get over that, a recovery which was complicated by my having to go to Texas early in March to give a talk, followed by another at the Air University on the way back.

The idea for an article about your retirement was initiated, I believe, by Mr. Conder in ASA. Col. Baker wrote up something and when I saw it, recognized that it would need quite a bit of editorial work. Capt. Lane did some of it but I had the overall job, which I was very happy to do. I am glad you liked it and I do not think, in fact I know, that it is not too flattering.

Ed Fishel stopped in to tell me about his visit with you and also sent me an issue of a local paper which had your picture in it - you and your flourishing "handlebars." You really must run for political office - sheriff, or something like that - to match the adornment.

You and Esther will be interested to hear that Elizebeth left these shores last Friday for a three months' holiday in Europe. For company she has the widow of K. B. Warner, who died a couple of years ago. You will remember he ran "QST." He was an old friend of mine and died very suddenly. I am "batching" it and so far am doing nothing but catching up on my work at home on my collection. The peaceful quiet is conducive to my making rapid progress - and I am making or accepting no "dates" for a while. I have a wonderful opportunity to get my index up to date, my books put away in proper order, etc.

Capt. Lane was detached a couple of weeks ago and goes to Fort Lee for WAC training-that is, she is to give some training. I was very sorry to lose her as she was a big help to me. So far I have no replacement and may not get one. General Canine wants me to get others to do the work for me, under my direction. We shall see how I do under

this change, which I accept without question as worth trial. If it works, I will have things a bit easier, for I have been putting in a lot of extra time lately.

I guess you know that Frank Rowlett left us recently, to go with CIA. We seem to be managing OK. Dumey left, too, but not because he was unhappy with us. He simply became fed up with the recent constantly-constricting latitude for Government civil employees - Congressional tendencies, etc., so decided to go with a commercial firm, Potter Instrument Company. Leo Rosen, I am sure you know, left a couple of months ago.

However, do not get the idea that things are bad here. They are not and they are getting much better. Some changes are in the offing, which should improve our lot quite a good deal. I like General Canine more and more.

I wish I could accept your generous invitation to come for a visit. Maybe I will one of these days! When the private bill on my behalf, now up in Congress, comes through, giving me X dollars for the patents in secrecy! The bill has thus far made good progress.

With love to Esther, and my very best to you,

Sincerely,

RHADS

11 April 1952.

Dear Bill,

Long time no hear. Have heard that you have not been well. Hope the trouble was minor, and that you are in good shape now.

Heard from Cellimachus recently in which she enclosed Capt. Lane's article about me in the AFSA Review. It quite overwhelmed me. I wrote to Capt Lane thanking her with all my heart, but told her it was too flattering. Could he you put her up to writing an article on me?

A breath of AFSA wafted in here this morning in the person of Ed Fishel who was in Denver stopping over between planes enroute back to Washington from Korea. We

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had a fine visit of him to look me up, and I hope more of you do the same if ever passing through. Sure wish you had done so when you ^{were} out in California sometime back. Did you ever get in touch with Tom Jewett out there, or his family?

Have been taking it easy here. Doing some puttering on the house and grounds. Have a man here on part time doing carpentering and odd jobs. Bought me a heavy duty garden tractor, 4HP, from Wards, with a rotary tiller attachment and sickle bar. Works fine. You should see Esther work it!

Our house won't be so crowded starting next week. Marcelita and family are moving into their new home in Uvada then. So will have plenty of room for you and Elizabeth whenever you can come out. Our best to you both. Write soon.
Sincerely, Mark.