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APO 708

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Dear Ones -

A Big Day - lots of mail & my orders! I have no idea as to what my job is, what it will require - but my new APO is 708. O.K! I'll keep you as well informed as possible in the following letters. I got paid today. It rained a good deal of today and as a result we had a free day from training. I played bridge & took care of the odds & ends. Getting assigned has, of course, taken the spotlight of my thoughts - but on to the mail. I heard from Dot [Field], the Osgoods, & the Center; I will write them tonight if possible. V-Mail at the least. I know you will pass the new APO (708) along to family etc & to whomever you write. OK?! Neil Clark's APO is 706. Glad Uncle Louis had a pleasant visit in Detroit - I take it that he has left Selfridge already & is back with Chicken [Liggett]. Mrs. Welt's letter was warm, and Uncle Louis' was really a [honey] of a picture and an analysis. Mrs. Welt

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sounds like an ideal President as far as not having to spend her time dusting & washing the dishes. As for being light mentally - that may be an advantage, too. Of course, Uncle Don judges all council members by the standard you set, Mother, and that is undoubtedly unfair to Mrs. Welt. And his analysis of the Zionist attitude was to the heart & core of the problem. To my mind, the commonwealth idea is the brilliant compromise to the [illegible] the contradiction of the "national home," and lastly - he is right as rain about your potential role in National Council. That covers the Welts; Uncle Don, et. [sic] al.

Thanks for the assorted news on [Laken's] lecture, Misses Delano & King, Eddie [Polman], and the home doings. I expect another break in my receipt of mail - and I look forward, when I get to where I am going, to a recontinuance of it. The radishes on Harvard Yard sounds like a typical school prank. Good for Junior Neuman - what is the latest on his marital state, anyway? I now come to your letter on Holmes, Daddy. I am sorry that my letter on Laski will never

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come about, now, since my transfer necessitates my returning it to the local library. Obviously Mrs. Bowen takes a woman's point of view in her study - the stress on the influence of the wives of Great Men has only recently been noticeable. That's one reason I look forward to being married - not that I have visions of grandness - but I certainly want to be influenced!

The Boston and Harvard aspects of the book smack of J.P. Marquand. Someday someone will write an [obvious] satire on the conservatism of Boston, the years of Harvard, the importance of school and family - less subtly than Marquand, to be sure, in [Langom] style perhaps. As it is, Mrs. Bowen's book will be another to look forward to upon my return. Laski has some pregnant comments relative to the currency of ideas like the New England attitude towards Jefferson.) Thank you for your excellent [illegible], Daddy.

That's it for today -

Love,

Sumner

THE INVASION HAS BEGUN!!!