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Dear Howard, Deanne, Paul, etc.

Greetings from your recent home near Micro Beach - Saipan.

I wish merely to register my personal congratulations for a superb performance by the team from W.C. & "Puck" - all kidding aside, it was indeed an extraordinary task, which could have not been done by a less qualified, well-prepared or diligent group.

The question of the moment, however, thanks to the Woodward story re bugging in Micronesia, is which one(s) of you was the C.I.A. agent. While I can't imagine why anyone would wish to bug the proceedings, such as the recent one by Bob Woodward give rise to all kinds of speculation.

I trust that you will brief Mantel fully on the results and provide him copies of all pertinent documents. He is still scheduled to return in early January, and has a formidable task confronting him.

Neal is housesitting on Navy Hill, thanks to Chris, and plans to hop a slow boat to Palau via Yap with Him, early next month. He shaved his beard - looks great, and is playing more tennis these days.

We are still plagued by the power shortage - as the man on the radio says, "we are not yet out of the shortage," which brings me to request a replacement for the flashlight we lost to you all Thanksgiving night - I saw the enclosed ad in a recent copy of the W. P.-Lewis and Thos. Saltz, and would be delighted to receive the version pictured. Don't try to mail it before Christmas. Also, I will go 50-50 with you, since it is obviously a much better product than the one loaned and will doubtless serve us better than the usual run-of-the-mill type during the "outages".

Also, we still have a surplus of Volume I of the briefing books; we would be happy to trade you some volume Is for IIs. Can you spare 8 Vol. IIs to go with the 8 Vol. Is we have on hand? I believe that Paul plans to look into this incongruity, n'estce pas?

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We are busy planning the political education program and would appreciate any thoughts or intelligence from there.

Sorry we didn't have more time for tennis, sightseeing, etc. Perhaps next time - I really can't understand your rush to return to the miserable cold, bad air and frantic pace of the Big City - guess that's one of the reasons I shall never be famous or be able to retire in opulence.

Again, our sincere thanks for a job well done - an effort far and beyond the norm - get some rest and enjoy the holidays.

Warmest regards,

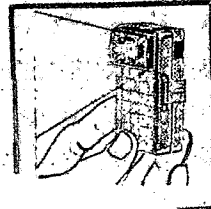
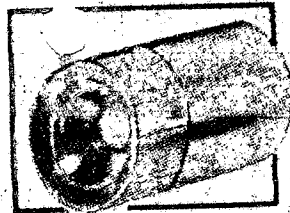
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve".

Stephen A. Loftus, Jr.

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