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Dear Linc:

Thank you for your letter of February 9th forwarding me clandestine notes on how to pare the Defense budget and recommending Hal Sonnenfeldt. I am delighted to learn also that you will be willing to do some commuting to the Pentagon.

I am well aware of Hal Sonnenfeldt's qualifications and appreciate your additional commendation of him. Also, I am always glad to receive insights on how to better make use of limited Defense dollars. The question of the scope of, and need for, redundancy of tactical air power among the Services is a dandy one. I am just now becoming engrossed in the subject. The question of the interrelationships between missions and hardware is at the root of the Defense planning and procurement process. I have much to learn also in this area and am planning to focus a great deal of attention on it.

Many thanks for writing and forwarding the information. I trust I will see you soon.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

