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21 December 1949

Orsen W. Nielsen, Esquire
American Consul General
Sydney, Australia

Dear Orsen:

Your very kind letter of 15 December arrived this morning and I thank you very much for your information about Admiral Farncomb. We shall be looking forward to his arrival and I am sure with your recommendations that he will be a worthwhile addition.

Do let me know when you get back to the States in the spring for it would be, as always, a great pleasure to see you again.

Mrs. Hillenkoetter joins me in the best of Season's Greetings and best wishes to Mrs. Nielsen and yourself.

Sincerely,

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R. E. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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AIR MAIL

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Sydney, Australia, December 15, 1949

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Harold B. Farncomb left Sydney on the last sailing of the Aorangi en route to Washington, where Harold has been appointed Head of the Joint Australian Services Staff, Naval Representative on the Staff, and Naval Attaché. They plan to move slowly across the United States from the West Coast, and do not expect to reach Washington until late January or early February. They are very good friends of ours, and I hope that you and your wife will have opportunity to meet them. Harold is an able officer and a capable chap. Before he received his present appointment he was Flag Officer Commanding Australian Squadron. His wife is a woman with much gaiety and charm. I am confident that they will do well in Washington.

I wonder how you like your present work. It should be extremely interesting, but I can well imagine that it has its share of headaches. I may have a chance to see you next spring, for we expect to have home leave at that time and to open our place on the Eastern Shore near Centreville. I shall buzz over to Washington from time to time, and shall give you a ring in the hope that we at least can have lunch together.

With warm good wishes and holiday greetings,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Orsen N. Nielsen".

Orsen N. Nielsen
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