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Dear George:

I was delighted to have your letter dated March 17th from "somewhere in India".

This gambling situation is quite a problem, but I believe we stirred the lions up enough to cause them to do something about it.

Mrs. Hulteen told me about her leaving and I heartily concur in the necessity of doing such a thing when it is considered that two young lives are very important treasures to protect by proper teaching. It is going to take some mighty good teaching on the part of the oldsters to bring up the youngsters so that the world will be save enough to live in, in the next two generations.

I think you have done a swell job where you are, and I am sure that when things return to normalcy and you are back as one of the citizens of Lawrence, you will have a much greater delight knowing all the disturbances that you have faced in the past three years. It will be good to see you down at the Post Office again, as I imagine that is where you will expect to return. And another thing, sure - you are assured of a good job upon your return. I imagine your foreign service will mean not only a nice increase but an added something that will cause you to walk more proudly down the streets of Lawrence than you have ever done heretofore.

Thanks for your compliments regarding my work here in Lawrence. If I can do anything to make the return of the veterans more secure and more happy, it will give me a lift.

I can tell you here and now that we will never get anyone to fill Mrs. Hulteen's position, but we knew that. We have known that for a long time. But this job is not the most important thing in the scheme of your living. We will carry on, because we always have done that heretofore, but I am very sure that it would have been a very, very difficult thing during the strenuous war years had your good wife not been with us. I have told her that a number of times and I am sure by now she begins to believe it. We will miss her sorely, and it may take two or three to fill her place, but we will get the job done.

Another thanks for the kind words regarding the basketball team. They were a swell bunch of boys and they fought their heads off.