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it is almost too long a distance to walk in cold weather.

I am hopeful that the war will not be as long as we have feared. Should the present effort of the United Nations in North Africa be successful, and Russia continue with the success she has had thru the past week or more, it may be possible to put Hitler out of business, and with the collapse of the war in Europe, the United States would center its navy and army against Japan with decisive results. Both Japan and Germany plan on blitz victories and while things went well with each for a time, the tempo has changed and today the initiative is entirely in the hands of the United Nations on the western front and is becoming more so on the far eastern front.

We have been cooperating in every way that we can. We are not happy over our national leadership and the entangled mess at Washington, but we must win the war.

Please let Julia read this letter.

Love to all,

Your loving brother