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Col. Karl F. Baldwin:*
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My dear Colonel:-

We have been reading the encouraging news from the Solomon Islands. I hope that it marks the beginning of an onward movement that will eventually sweep the Japs from their island holdings and confine them to their own rocky home land. I hope that in the events to come the Emperor will be humiliated and brought to a realization of impossibility of the vain aspirations of his people.

As the sun, rising in its majesty each day, sets in the west, so may the residents of the "Islands of the Morning", pass into oblivion thru the prowess of the freedom loving, irresistable, people of North America and the Western Hemisphere.

While I have been writing you from time to time, I have no assurance that my missives have reached you, but someday you will get some, or all of them.

My heart thrills over the reports of the achievements of our forces of land and water. What a splendid lot of young men--and middle aged men--our country has produced? May God bless each and every one of them and bring them home to their loving friends in the United States.

We are at our Lake cabin where we have spent too few happy days together. It has been a cool and wet summer both here and at Lawrence, but one that could be enjoyed. The fish have been biting better than on the occasions when you were trying to lure them to your hook. Better luck next time and may it not be too long before you vanagain be our guests and for a longer period.

We have not had a recent letter from Mrs Baldwin--just one since we arrived at the cabin two months ago today. During that time I have spent two weeks at home attending to business.

The SOW promises to be one of the largest. Our city is doing its best to care for workers. You would find many changes in the Old Home Town. The University is lending every effort to cooperate in the training of soldiers and sailors.

Mrs Simons joins me in expressing our warmest personal regards.
Cordially Yours,

W. C. Simons
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