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Col. Karl F. Baldwin
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My dear Col. Karl:

I don't know that a day passes that Mrs. Simons and I do not think and talk of you. We are happy that you are with General Mac Arthur who knows and appreciates your worth. I would not be surprised but that this letter should have been addressed to General Karl Baldwin, but I don't want to jump the gun. If it has not already come, doubtless it will.

We have been deeply interested in your welfare and in that of your family. Although we did not know your son, Chandler, we did meet his wife and baby at your home, and he almost seems like homefolks to us because he is near and dear to you.

I think you would be pleased with the way Lawrence is carrying on. I think we are lending every effort to support the war. Resenting the bureaucratic rule that has been developed in Washington, we take it on the chin and do our best, figuring that settlement of matters like that must come later and cannot for a minute stand in the way of our winning the war. We are not downhearted, we are not discouraged, and while we regret that we have met with so many backsets, we are delighted that unprepared as we were, we have been able to have a real part in resisting the mad onslaught of the Sun of Heaven and his deluded followers. We are also glad that American munitions are having their part in enabling Stalin to resist the Hitler hordes in Europe, and we applaud every effort of the English and of the Commando groups to bring the war home to the people of Germany.

Now for something else. The fields about Lawrence are lush with the growths of spring. Everywhere there are blossoming flowers and beautiful shrubs. I understand that rainfall has now penetrated to a depth of some eight feet which means there is more water in the ground now than there has been at any time in the last ten years.

We are delighted to know that Mrs. Baldwin is making a home for John and that John is doing so well for himself. I have