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Lt-Col. H. C. Lodge, Jr.,

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TO
Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin
Office of the Surgeon General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

H. P. Lodge, Jr.

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25 April 1945

Dear Fred:

It was just about a year ago today that you met me at quarter of four in the morning at the Washington airport and there began a service of friendship and help to me which I can never forget. It is incredible that the time has gone by so fast. During these particular days I think back to a year ago and give thanks. *I feel right in my mind!*

This is all a prelude to the real purpose of this letter which is to tell you that under separate cover I am sending you and Mrs. Rankin a souvenir which I hope will interest and please you. It comes from the house of one of the very highest Nazis, one Albert Speer. It is a large cup and saucer of deep blue edged in gold of Dresden china and bearing on the front in perfect detail the Iron Cross and around the top edge in a broad band of color the intertwined oak leaves of the German army.

The owner was the man who built Hitler's Chancery in Berlin, his house in Berchtesgaden and who executed the great public ceremonies with the flags, etc., which were such a feature of the Nazi regime. *I hope it doesn't break on the way!*

With all my warmest wishes

Faithfully yours,

Carlson I.

P.S. What interesting news about Happy!

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