

14 January 1944

Dear Eric:

I was very pleased to receive your note of 12 December and to learn that you are well despite the nasty attack of gout which you suffered early in December. I agree with you that your friends have no warrant for their suspicion that this attack was brought on by high jinksing in Washington.

I hardly need say how happy we were to have you with us and that we would like to have had your pleasant company for a good deal longer period. These visits are mutually helpful and enjoyable.

Do not worry about the Ewing book. If you come across a copy in a second-hand book shop I would be glad to have it.

We enjoyed both Filby and Thornet immensely. Incidentally, would you please remind Filby that he was going to send me the GC and CS type of special oath to which all new employees must subscribe. I gave him a copy of ours on an exchange basis and since ours is about to be subjected to some minor revisions, I would like to have yours at hand for comparison. He was also going to send me some things of which he made due note and I hope I will hear from him soon.

Please send Hope my love too and tell him that the traveling these days is gotten over with rather quickly and that California is calling him already. I look forward to seeing him over here some day.

With my very best greetings to everybody at Berkeley Street and best wishes for the New Year to yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Friedman

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