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Colonel John C. Nickerson, Jr.
Redstone Arsenal
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Nick:

There hasn't been a day in the last couple of months that I have not thought about you and have the feeling that I ought to be able to do something to help you to come clear of the charges that have been made and to carry the point you are attempting to make. However, I have done nothing about these good intentions except to discuss them with Blanche and from the beginning to express an opinion that the trouble developed from a situation just about as it has been described by your supporters in the Press and by you on television.

You should not need any witnesses of the type who could testify to your loyalty, initiative and scientific curiosity about various weapons. I suspect you and I did some of the first work that was ever done in the field with rockets outside of Brest and I distinctly remember being thoroughly scared when you attempted to dis-assemble one of those hand rocket launchers that the Germans used against tanks.

About all I am really attempting to say here is that of course I understand that it would be well nigh impossible for you not to have taken the position you did. Someone else will have to decide as to whether what you did was right or wrong, but if it is a question of your intent and your record, I might be one of the best qualified people alive to testify in your behalf and I would be proud to do so if you can use me.

I started out to write this but can talk so much better into a dictaphone that I switched. It could be that I might help your case and thereby, your cause. Let me know if you want me.

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We now have an A no. 1 grandson who is the head man at our house this week. He lives in Raleigh and it is an event to have him and Blanche here.

Wyndham has been elected Pres. of the Student Body at Hollis for next year. She's a very satisfactory and very well rounded young woman — and incidentally my eye balls.

Julian is a Lt. Jg. and loves the Navy — who wouldn't? He gets out in July but goes to the med. in May.

I hope you aren't worrying too much about all this. Give Carol our love and keep your chin up. "Curly".

(Hardly a one left.)