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Mr. Robert K. Bell
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Dear Mr. Bell:

When and if your client Col. John Nickerson, Jr., feels impelled to write a book expressing his views about our guided missiles program, we would be very much interested in considering it for publication.

I believe Col. Nickerson and I have many friends in common. We have discussed the writing of such a book with Gen. Ridgway but he cannot find time for the project now although he has expressed great interest in helping to get the job done if someone else would undertake it. I appreciate that present circumstances make it impossible for Col. Nickerson to commit himself on anything of this sort but I thought I would let this suggestion lie with you until such time as he may be interested in discussing it.

Sincerely,

Robert Smith
Editor-in-Chief

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