

May 8, 1957

Mr. George Grant, M. C.  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

As you have no doubt noted, the Nickerson court-martial proceeding has been continued until 25 June 1957. While this would give us sufficient time to examine the highly sensitive material involved, provided it is made available to us at an early date, it will be interesting to watch the Defense Department's timing in the additional clearances that we have requested and the availability of this material to us.

It has occurred to Mr. Jenkins, Colonel Zimmer and Lt. Cole that now would be a very fine time to take any action, regardless of how casual or subtle the action, suggestions or comments might be, to the effect that the interest of the country would be infinitely better served if the Army would proceed to give Colonel Nickerson non-judicial punishment rather than run the risk of exposing the highly sensitive material that a trial by court-martial might likely involve.

We pass this suggestion along to you because of your genuine interest in this case and hope that you can get in a good lick or two for Colonel Nickerson, the Army and the country as a whole.

Thanking you and with kindest personal regards, I am

Always sincerely yours,

Robert K. Bell

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P.S. It was a real pleasure to see you on our recent trip to Washington.

R.K.B.

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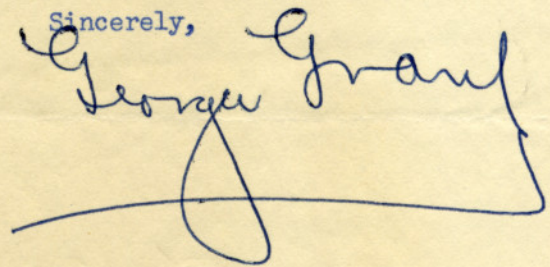
Dear Buster:

I read your recent letter with interest. It now looks as if the Army may drop the Colonel Nickerson case by non-judicial punishment; however, my only source of information is that this is my re-action from reports in the papers and the postponement of the trial.

If the occasion presents itself, I will certainly discuss the matter with the higher echelon.

Buster, it is always good to see and hear from you and when you are up this way, please drop by to see me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

GG/gc