August 4, 1948.

Dear Hettie:

You will be delighted to know Jimmy has received his commission as a <u>Captain</u> in the Army Intelligence Reserve. I felt sure it would be <u>Captain</u> but it is really an achievement for under the rules even with the best examination etc. - it would ordinarily have been <u>First Lieutenant</u>. He is to be congratulated and we can all be very proud of him.

Our loan matter is progressing rapidly and most favorably. I always knew we would get it in the end. It has been a long pull and a hard one, but well worth while. <u>Very confidentially</u> for you, I fell sure there will be an announcement by the end of August. We cant say anything for premature talk might ruin things.

Jimmy, Bernier and I leave Saturday noon for Mexico City. If Dannie comes over, I will of course come up. I hope he does come home even if only for a while.

Marion says she still has trouble with her side but Doctor says it is nothing serious.

The weather here is atrocious but we are content, for our affairs are going well! I wish we could have come up to the farm to see you all but there were things which had to be done.

While I am here I will see what I can do in State Department in matter of the Stiftung in Germany, but there is so much preoccupation with the major Berlin situation these days - I may not make progress until a later trip.

Please forgive hurried and illegible letter but I wanted to get a word to you before statting the day out.

With love and good wishes,

Faithfully,

( Sg: )

George