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Dear Tom:

Thanks so much for your letter of December 30.

I read with fascinated interest and some alarm the letter of commendation which you received from Major General James Johnson, Jr. I know that congratulations are in order, Tom, but I urge you to be careful.

Concerning your future plans, Tom, of course you are a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, and you are free to return. I will send your letter along to Father Jim McCarthy in personnel, and ask him to be in touch with you as well.

Please assure the troops with whom you are in contact, Tom, that I am praying for their safety. As I write this, I join the world in a nervous vigil as we have the countdown to January 15th. While that is not a date certain after which hostilities will begin if Kuwait is not liberated, it certainly is a date certain after which war becomes more of a possibility. Please God, peace will prevail.

Asking God to bless you and to return you safely, and with warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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