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Dear General Clay:

I send this note to welcome you home and to thank you again for the great contribution which you have made in the last eight months. Your service in helping to restore the confidence and hope of the people of West Berlin has been one more notable accomplishment in the long list of your services to your country. I know that this service was not easy for you or for Mrs. Clay, and I would like once again to extend my thanks to you both.

I am glad that you remain on call as my adviser on matters relating to Berlin. I am glad also that you will be returning to that city frequently. I agree with you that as we have had a good discussion only recently, there is no immediate need for you to come to Washington, but I do think that we should have a talk either before or after your next visit to Berlin so that we can be sure to keep in close touch.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

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