WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Colonel Fred Wharton Rankin Headquarters, Services of Supply Surgeon General's Office Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rankin:

It is with genuine pleasure that I note your selection for advancement to a place among the group of distinguished officers of the Army of the United States who have attained the rank of general officer.

The best interests of National security and peace can only be served by the highest types of officers serving in key positions of the national defense system. I feel sure that your promotion is a distinct advancement to the entire nation.

We pray fervently that the wisdom and power of God may guide and strengthen you.

Devotedly yours,

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