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My dear General MacArthur,-

I cannot leave tomorrow after two of the most dramatic and stimulating months of my life without saying to you again how profound my appreciation is of the opportunities you have given me. I have had the utmost in cooperation at all points, and every possible facility for getting my work done. I leave with the consciousness of the amazing experiment in democracy here made possible and so promising chiefly by your spirit and vision. No possible criticism of detail can detract from what is a great historical achievement already assured.

I shall hope to be helpful in Washington in some matters, particularly those affecting Korea, where even a favorable outcome of the present negotiations will not relieve us of great responsibilities not now being discharged.

You are aware of the points on which I have made some observations here, and it is a satisfaction to know your feeling on them. It will help me interpret the problems of the occupation in circles where they are evidently not well understood.

I shall take the liberty of addressing you from New York if there are further observations that might seem useful to you and to our common cause.

With my regards to Mrs. MacArthur and my warmest appreciation and thanks to you,

Sincerely yours,

General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander in Chief,
Tokyo, Japan

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