

Room 2E980, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
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Dear Bruce:

I have been in Washington now for nearly two months on a special job for the President arising out of the Cuban failure. In the course of my prowling about the Pentagon I have come upon the plan for the reorganization of the Army divisions.

Frankly, this proposal disturbs me very much, primarily because of the timing. It will be little short of a miracle, I feel, if the United States gets by the next three or four years without some form of war breaking out. In such a period we should try to keep our defense structure stable and be ready at any moment to man battle stations.

Having lived through the reorganization of the Army which we started in 1955 and only completed a short time ago, I am unhappy about going into such a thing again unless it is clearly required. Personally, I have seen no evidence which indicates that there is a fundamental need for such a reorganization. It seems to me that the complaints about the lightness of the Pentomic Division could be overcome by appropriate attachments and reinforcements without a complete overhaul of structure.

While I am sure of my own feeling on this subject, I also am aware of the lack of currency of my contacts with the Army and my remoteness from such problems as may have arisen from the present division organization. As I have been asked to express an opinion on this subject, I would appreciate very much your views, if you are willing to give them to me on a confidential basis. You know my respect for your judgment in these matters of organization.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

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