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AIR MAIL

Dear Bill:

Your telegram to me (no. 236, November 24, 5 p.m.) was duly received. As I am sure you are aware, I have been doing everything I can to get Philinda on her way. Unfortunately the Army has mucked up the game by refusing to accord her passage. I am enclosing for your information copies of recent correspondence which will give you an idea of the steps now being taken. Some weeks back I had fond hopes that we might get her to Lagos in time for Christmas, but now it looks doubtful. I am so very sorry but we will still hope for the New Year, or at least early in the new year.

*They have a  
large bombing  
plane to get  
to Africa.*

I am leaving the decision as to the action which she shall take entirely up to Philinda because I do not want to be influential in her choice since trans-Atlantic passage on any ship is a venture. Personally, however, I think she would probably have less difficulty, barring catastrophe, in proceeding by one of the Norwegian vessels than by way of Lisbon. However you take it, I am afraid that the Lisbon route would be full of delays and difficulties, including much anxiety, worry and expense. But, as I say, the decision is up to her, and to you.

I shall continue, however, <sup>to try to help</sup> in the matter and if any opportunity at all develops to get her on a plane, you may rest assured that I will take advantage of it.

Kind

William L. Krieg, Esquire,  
American Vice Consul,  
Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa.

AIR MAIL

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Kind regards and best wishes to you all for a good Christmas. I shall always remember my pleasant times with you during the Christmas season of last year.

Sincerely yours,



~~Perry N. Jester~~

Enclosures:

1. To Miss Philinda Jones,  
December 3, 1942.
2. To Howard Fyfe, Esquire,  
December 3, 1942.
3. To Mr. H. J. Finch,  
December 3, 1942.