Rt.Rev.Msgr.D.V.Foley 11th and Bluff Sts. Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Monsignor Foley,

The delay in my writing has been due to the indefinite date of my release from the Navy. My final orders are here now and in all probability, I should be in Iowa sometime next week - to stay. The processing at Great Lakes will not take longer than a couple of days. A relief is being sent to the Shenandoah and judging from the Polish name, very probably a catholic.

I am more than happy to be getting back to the Diocese. It's been a pretty long and rugged 25 months and not the life that can be compared with parish work. Although my health has been very good, I would appreciate a little rest before being assigned, as I feel I really need it. I am glad that I will be back to make the annual retreat. Would you kindly inform His Excellency, the Archbishop, about my near return?

Maine even in May, is not a very pleasant State. It has continued cold and rainy, with only an accasional fine day.

I notice by the Witness that many of the priests or chaplains have already returned. Father McDonough, I hear, will be back about the 1st. Had a few lines from Father Casey from Okinowa not long ago. It seems his eyes are also turned toward Dubuque.

I get over to the Cathedral here occasionally. A fine bunch of priests there to visit with.

Hoping to seem you soon,

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Sincerely,

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