

Note from the Editor

In the 1980s and 1990s, Frank R. Dietrich prepared a typescript edition of the correspondence. This typescript edition is not an accurate transcription; it often differs from the original letters. In most cases, the differences represent corrections of spelling and grammar; however, in places, Dietrich inadvertently left out passages or changed words—which occasionally altered the meaning of the text in significant ways. I used the original correspondence to prepare this manuscript; however, in several places, I could not locate the original letters and relied on his typescript copy. In all such cases, I notified the reader.

Most spelling and grammatical errors have been permitted to stand without [*sic*]s or correction. In places, however, to ensure clarity, I have corrected spelling and grammar; in several places, I have also added a phrase. All editorial corrections and clarifications have been made within brackets. Lastly, in his letters, Albert Dietrich often placed several periods after the salutation (e.g., “Dear Frank....”). I have retained these periods; in such cases, the periods are not meant to indicate that text has been deleted.

The entire Albert G. Dietrich and Frank R. Dietrich Correspondence, 1939–46 (Dietrich Correspondence)—along with related documents—has been deposited at the Swarthmore College Peace Collection. A copy of the Dietrich Correspondence has also been deposited at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. The typescript edition is in my possession.

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