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Dear Admiral,

I am overjoyed to learn that you are alive and fulfilling such an important role in our mutual protection.

I was guarded about the part I played in your life because I did not know whether you were the same person.

I suppose it is flattering for you to know that the Admiralty thought you such a menace, either by directly resuming your active role, or indirectly by training others, that I had instructions from the highest level that, if passed for repatriation, you were to die. You were, I think, suffering from tuberculosis at the time.

Although at that time I was twenty-three years of age (about your own age then), I had a very wide personal discretion as to the movement of P.O.W.'s, as a Deputy Assistant Adjutant General in the P.O.W. Dept. of the War Office.

I moved you about to various camps so that I could tell the IRCC that you were "lost". I eventually sent you to the U.S.A.

This was a humanitarian alternative to my

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orders and nobody was aware of it, save my own immediate staff.

People's lives cross in such a mysterious way, but now you know why your name is indelibly imprinted on my memory.

This letter is probably a breach of The Official Secrets Act.

Yours Sincerely
T.R. Crawford

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