

CSGAS

2 September 1949

Maj. Warren K. Hall, M.I. Res.
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Dear Major Hall:

In regard to your inquiry about the possibilities of getting back in the Army, and in the Army Security Agency particularly, I'm sorry to report that the chances are not good unless you can qualify for a competitive tour with a view to getting in the Regular Army. Attached hereto is a copy of a telegram from the Adjutant General to all Army Commands which is self-explanatory.

With reference to your eligibility for a competitive tour, you will, of course, have to consult AR 605-8. You will have to act quickly on this since you must be under 30 years of age, and, if I am informed correctly, you will be 30 years of age on 23 September of this year. Your application (for appointment in the Signal Corps, ASA specialty) should be submitted to the Commanding General of the First Army through your unit commander. Since your time is so short, I would advise the handcarrying procedure.

For your convenience I am also enclosing a copy of AR 605-8.

I was glad to hear from you and wishing you all success, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Sgt

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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2. AR 605-8

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Dear Mr. Friedman,

In November of 1946 I was separated from the service with the rank of Captain due to an emergency which existed in my family while I was assigned to ASA Pacific in Tokyo with Colonel Collins.

Having been away from Army life for nearly three years now, I am certain that I would like to return to the military service and continue my military career. I have had seven and one half years active service as both enlisted man and officer, all of which were with the Second Signal and the Army Security Agency, starting as an operator at Fort Hancock in 1939. My primary assignments as an officer were at AHS as OIC-T/A section in E Branch under Colonel Brown, Operations officer at MS-2 and for a brief period of time as Commanding Officer of the Miami Beach Detachment. I was promoted to the rank of Major while on terminal leave, and have an active comission in the MI Branch of the Reserve Corps.

Several weeks ago I spent the weekend with Major Robert Pope at Fort Monmouth and he mentioned that you were still at AHS. Many of the others there now I do not know, so I thought that I would write to you hoping that you might be able to shed some light on the present situation regarding the return of officer personnel to the Agency from civilian life. In view of my past experience and training while in the Army I would like if possible to be assigned to the ASA or the Second Signal and feel that I would be of most value to this branch of the service.

I realize that you may not have any definite information on this matter at your immediate disposal but will greatly appreciate any help or advise that you may have to offer.

Hoping that this letter finds you in the best of health,
I remain,

Respectfully yours,

