

Letter, Swede Hazlett to General Dwight D. Eisenhower  
May 14, 1947

“Dear Ike: —

Incidentally, my signature reminds me that I’ve told several curious people that my nickname was first bestowed by you. To the best of my recollection this is true—even tho you may not remember it. I was first known as “Doc” or “Ev,” then at St. John’s as “Cotton.” I think it was in the summer of 1909 that you first lit on “Swede.” I liked it, so carried it with me into the Navy, where no one ever knew me by any other name. Thanks!”