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direct your staff and appointees to review it at further length at first opportunity.

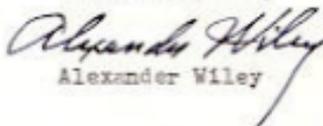
Your own previous statements on the Seaway have evidenced your keen understanding of the importance of U. S. participation. You, in particular, from your great military background, can appreciate the Seaway's meaning from the standpoint of:

- the inspection and clearance of foreign ships which enter into our country through the vitals of the Great Lakes;
- protection of the works against sabotage and enemy action;
- rights of navigation in case of differing international commitments between Canada and the U. S.
- priorities for passage at the locks, based on U. S. defense needs, etc.

May I say, my dear General, in conclusion that you have acted during this period since November 4th with brilliant dispatch, with that sense of high leadership and deep moral responsibility which have endeared you to this nation, and that I have the highest of faith that the Administration which you will pilot will live in American history as one of our greatest.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Alexander Wiley

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