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C/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco Cal.

My dear Annon,

I happen to be here in Honolulu so it was only yesterday that I received a very nice and amusing ^{letter} from "The Fried Hand," dated April 11th, stating that you had very kindly sent us at Navy Department Washington some of your paper shell pecans.

The letter has been over two months in reaching me and I suppose the pecans are resting at the Navy Department (although they know my address).

As probably some officer friends of mine there have devoured the nuts feeling they were lending to the war effort in doing so.

However it may be and whether or not I have a chance to enjoy your gift I wish to thank you most sincerely for your kind thought of me.

I ~~was~~ so delighted to hear that your son was released from prison camp - I hope without any serious injury, although after reading of the atrocities inflicted by those German barbarians it seems almost a miracle that any of our fine boys escaped.

My son Adolphus Jr. went through the Iwo Jima campaign as a First Lieutenant of Marines without accident although he was in the very thick of it throughout and received ^{the} Commendation of

his Commanding Officers for his fearless action.

Naturally we are very proud of him.

Mrs Andrews and I arrived here about two weeks ago to be present at the arrival of our second grand child. He was launched yesterday, a fine nine pound boy who now bears the name of Benjamin Franklin Dillingham III.

His father is now walking on air and his grand father Walter Dillingham has taken a new lease on life to say nothing of his Grandfather Andrews.

After forty-eight years of service I have asked to be placed on inactive duty and retired - so I am waiting here for final decision by the Navy Department.

I have told them that I am anxious and willing to take on any important job they wish to give me but I do not care to be employed otherwise.

I would like so much to hear of your recent trip to Europe. Of course best of all was meeting your fine boy and having him with you.

I wish mine were here - However let us all hope that this Jap war may end soon - I believe it will if there are any conservative Japs left. They must see the hand writing on the wall and be thinking of trying to find some means of saving at least part of their Empire - If they do not see this soon it will be too late to even partly recover from the devastating force which we are preparing to hurl against them.

Many, many thanks again for your kind thought of me and with very good wish to you Sincerely yours, William Andrews.