July 29, 1943

Dear Lee:

The enclosed requires your signature. Please have one of the fellows witness it, and send form and check in addressed envelope.

We have been certainly interested in the routine you have been given. They don’t expect you to get into much mischief. I imagine from what you say that the widespread training program along academic lines being carried on by the government may have quite an effect on future education in our schools and colleges. There has never been any doubt in my mind that there is a lot of wasted effort and energy in average high school and college course. All of which means that one will be able to get into some specialized field faster and get more adequate training there.

Rather rough on “Bucky” Harris. What do you think? It is probably a financial move. Cox hasn’t any money – the whole thing is a venture for him on the part of some friends. Harris has given the Phillies the early season popularity and now that it is waning, there is no reason for keeping him. This is the way it looks to me.

Here’s to you in your work. We are with you every minute, and never sit down together but that we breathe a prayer for you.

As ever,

Dad