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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Major General George Lynch 812 Formosa Drive Orlando, Florida

Dear General Lynch:

Mr. Payne has asked me to write you with reference to his development of the Bantam.

While I was Secretary to the General Staff he came in with blue prints, drawings, plans, etc., and it seemed to me that he was continually in the offing advocating its adoption. Beetle Smith, General Moore and General Marshall became interested through Mr. Payne's insistence, and so far as I know he is the papa of the Bantam -- or at least his company is.

I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

Sincerely,

ORLANDO WARD Major General, U. S. Army

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