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Camp Blanding, Florida

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1 September 1943

Colonel I. M. Oseth
Infantry Board
Fort Benning, Georgia

Dear Oseth:

While I have thought about you a good many times, the immediate cause of my writing you is the receipt of a letter from Wells-Wells, in which they hand me a small package of tripe, including the statement "You are an important factor in the development of the jeep", etc.

I am about to tell them that my part was completely unimportant, inasmuch as I was Executive, as you well remember, during the time that it came up and that you actually were the one doing all the heavy work and pushing. Naturally I was most interested but I don't intend to attach myself to this story by tracing my interest and activities in the development of motor transportation.

I hope that you are not being modest in your account of your part because you should be given more credit than any of the others he mentioned. If you remember, and I'm sure you do, plenty of them jumped on the bandwagon after the Chief of Infantry's Office (you in great part) had had it adopted as a project and put into production.

I say this because the letter, which I think I will inclose after all, gives several people a chance to make unjust claims as to their part. It gives me a bit of a pain to have Wells-Wells say "beginning back at the time you conceived the idea of developing a motor vehicle", etc. I suspect that that is stated in their letters to others as well.

Please return the letter, to which I will then reply.

As you may know I arrived here four weeks ago today and have been engaged in trying to get this new IRTC off to a flying start. I wish I could see you and visit with you but we both are busy at present. However, a chance may come later of my getting to Benning on some pretext or other.

Give my best to your wife and best wishes to you as ever.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Fales

E. W. FALES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army.

I also had no knowledge of the jeep project. He was not present at the conferences which I held with W. F. Lee. He also

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