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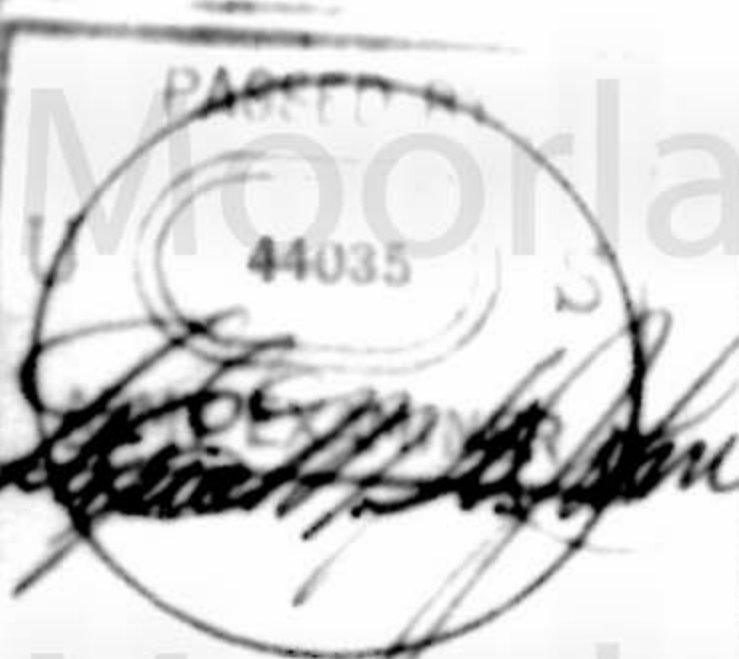
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TO: Miss Merze Tate  
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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

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(Sender's complete address above)

Somewhere in France  
8 February 1945

Dear Miss Tate:

I take this opportunity to thank you and the faculty for such a fine present as the book "What the Negro Wants". I received it a few days ago and am almost finished at this writing. I have numerous requests from my friends to read it after I have finished it as there are quite a few fellows vitally interested in the opinions of well learned people on the subject. I anticipate a lively discussion as soon as a few of the fellows have read the book. Please extend my thanks to the ASTP faculty for such a fine gift.

How is the club progressing? I have heard from some of the fellows who said they had joined the club just before they left the states. I am interested in how many of the fellows have joined so far. As soon as I receive Cpl. DeHaven's address I intend to write him and find out how his group is making out. I am vitally interested in the success of the club.

Oh, yes, there is one little matter that I would like cleared up. Some time ago I sent my dues in for a couple of months in advance but have never received knowledge of whether or not you had received the letter with the money order in it. I would like to know if you have received my dues and whether I am ahead or behind. One loses track of time over here as you can well imagine.

S/Sgt Friason Travis and S/Sgt Walter Ashford, two former ASTP men who I think you should remember, & I were discussing recently what a change our locations have undergone since last March graduation. It hardly seems possible that it was a year ago this coming March that the original Engrs made their final parade. I like to inflate my ego by thinking that no future ASTP at Howard will parade with such precision and showmanship as the Original Engrs.

I see by the shape of the paper that it is time to close this letter. Once again let me thank you for your thoughtful gift and know that I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely Yours,  
*Eugene P. Mackey*

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