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Dear Doctor Evans:

Thanks very much for sending me a copy of Professor Johan Holst's letter. The Army (Quartermaster and Medical) has made a great deal of progress in the development of cold weather clothing since World War II. As you probably know, the newspaper accounts of frostbite, trench foot, and other cold injuries in Korea were greatly exaggerated. Actually, relatively few troops have suffered cold injuries; these were incurred in those units which had outrun their supply lines and had not received an issue of winter clothing before cold weather set in. I believe all troops in Korea are now furnished with winter uniforms.

Professor Holst is undoubtedly right that "General Winter" is quite as formidable an enemy as the North Koreans and the Chinese Communists. We must do everything possible to combat "General Winter." I would therefore most heartily welcome any practical suggestions that Professor Holst could send us, based on the long experience of the Norwegians in cold weather operations. I would appreciate if if you would express to Professor Holst our desire for any practical suggestions he may be willing to offer us.

Sincerely yours,

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