

This letter is a typewritten copy of a letter  
It was originally written to manufacturer  
and secure the assent of Fales  
who actually had no knowledge of  
the jeep project. G.H.

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Dear General:

Your letter was like money from home. I shall never  
forget the years of close and pleasant official relations  
with you during a most critical period in our preparation  
for the present fracas.

About the letter from Mr. Wells. You correctly  
diagnosed the letter you received as being a sort of circular  
sent out by these investigators in an effort to obtain the  
real facts regarding the origin and development of the Jeep.  
It is quite astonishing what number and manner of people have  
slipped on the band wagon and, either honestly or otherwise,  
imagined themselves responsible for that job. Actually, as  
you know, the Jeep was 100% an Infantry project from the  
very start, and continued to be so until the vehicle was  
actually in the hands of Service Boards for test in a form  
which has undergone practically no change since. You also  
remember, I am sure, that when I first reported to you for  
duty as your assistant in the AMP Section of the Chief of  
Infantry's Office in August, 1939, you turned over to me  
the responsibility for the development, among other things,  
of Infantry communications equipment and Infantry motor  
transport equipment. I continued in that capacity through-  
out my entire tour in Washington which ended about the first  
of May of this year. You are, therefore, personally respon-  
sible for placing me in a position where I could put into  
effect many of the ideas that I had gathered in the preceding  
years, particularly while I was studying under you as a  
student in the Tank Section of The Infantry School in 1938  
and 1939. You were also, although perhaps unconsciously,  
further involved in the spiritual origin of the Jeep by  
assigning me as a subject for individual research the field  
of cross country of battlefield motor transport from the  
Infantry standpoint. I believe that you left Fort Benning  
for Washington before I turned in my study on that subject,